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Water rushes out of water tower on Line Street. More photos on page 9

Frozen Valve Blamed For Flooding

A frozen valve in a meter chamber has been cited as the cause of the water main explosion which occurred on Sunday. William Whitman, Water Distribution Supervisor for the City of Springfield indicated that the frozen valve was caused by the recent cold snap which has kept temperatures at below normal levels for the past two weeks. Whitman indicated that similar breaks have occurred in various parts of Springfield recently.

Six homes were flooded in the mishap, and many people were temporarily evacuated from their homes when water from the Line Street water

tower rushed downhill and flowed into a stream which runs under the road.

Houses on Willowbrook Drive and Valentine Circle were also involved in the flooding as the swollen stream followed its course to the Connecticut River.

The burst valve caused water pressure in Agawam to be lowered, and some residents experienced rusty or dirty water flow. Whitman said Monday that the problem should be fixed by late evening.

Crews from Agawam's Fire, Police, DPW, and

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Library Review Committee To Meet

The four member Agawam Library Review Committee will meet on Tuesday evening, February 20, for an organizational meeting. The four members, chairman Rene Thomas, Maryln Curry, Raymond Saracino, and Thomas Coppola will meet to discuss how they will perform as a group.

On Thursday night, according to Saracino, the committee will meet again, this time with members of the Agawam Business Association. Members of the Business Association were responsible

for the initial request to Town Manager Peter Caputo to form such a committee.

At Thursday afternoon's meeting, which will be held in the Town Hall Hearing Room at 4 p.m., it is expected that members of the Association will present a preliminary list of nine questions to which they seek answers. The questions supposedly deal with the construction of the new Central Library.

Raymond Saracino noted that the meetings are open to the public, and anyone

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The Agawam Connection

Part II The Drug Scene

by Gail Loncto



In the past, Agawam has prided itself on the quality of education provided in our schools. The majority of students graduating from Agawam High were able to compete nationally for entrance into a first-rate college, or at the very least, function adequately in society as educated individuals.

We are now faced with a very serious problem that may be hindering the education of our youth. The problem has nothing to do with school curriculum, the quality of teachers or state accreditation. This problem is not one that has openly been discussed by our school administrators or educators, but it concerns us all.

The problem is that of widespread use of marijuana among students. The lower grades are not directly concerned, however, limited use of marijuana has been reported on the fourth and fifth grade levels. The greatest concentration of marijuana use is in the junior and senior high schools - primarily in the high school.

It is impossible to obtain an exact percentage figure for students using marijuana at Agawam High, but if you were to average out the figures given to me by those I spoke with, you would find yourself speaking in terms upwards of 50%. From these figures, it appears that those who don't smoke marijuana are in the minority.

High School principal, David Theodorowicz stated, "It is here, but how extensively I don't know. We don't have a problem with marijuana use in the school building. It is used on the school grounds, but how extensively I don't know, but if just one student is using marijuana, then we have a problem because he isn't working to his fullest potential."

Marijuana is used on the slope beside the school, behind the biology wing, and in the woods behind the school. It is bought, sold, and used in the parking lot.

During one lunch period, I observed with a telescopic lens, fifty-two students on the slope, eighteen students behind the biology wing, and twelve students in the woods, the majority huddled in small groups passing a rolled cigarette, (joint?), from one person to another. I also observed twenty-eight students in the school parking lot seated four and five to a car, again passing a rolled cigarette (joint?) from person to person. The total number observed, one hundred and ten.

On another occasion, I observed a blue car with Conn. license plates and a van with Mass. license plates parked in the school parking lot. Outside the car a person

was standing. A student from the school would approach them; money passed hands and a small plastic bag was given in return.

During all the time I spent observing these activities, not once did anyone from the school or the police department interfere with or question these activities on the school grounds.

When questioned about the existence of a drug problem at the high school, Frank Cremonetti, Agawam's truant officer, stated, "yes we have a substantial problem, but not so much in the school building as on the school grounds."

The problem appears to be so widespread and complex that the general attitude of all concerned is to look the other way. Permissive legislation has given the students an abundance of student rights and a minimum of student responsibilities. When administrators and teachers attempt to control the problem of marijuana use, parents and students generally run to the courts, and the court, in many cases, overturns the disciplinary action of the school.

For example, a student who is merely holding a marijuana cigarette can not be subjected to due process. It must be in his mouth when he is caught, or, according to a court of law statement, he is not actually using marijuana. The students are well aware of such statements.

school committee members I spoke with were quick to blame permissive legislation and the court system.

School Committee member Jesse Fuller said she was "not aware that there is a problem" with marijuana in the high school. She stated, "I am shocked that this problem could exist without the administration bringing it to the attention of the school committee!" Fuller also noted that responsibility for the problem gets passed around, and that few people seem to want to admit that a drug problem does indeed exist.

School committee person Venetta Snyder, and committee chairman Richard Borgatti both indicated that they were aware of the fact that marijuana was being used in the high school. Borgatti stated, "I am aware that there is a problem, mainly on the slope. I have a deep concern but it is a very difficult problem to solve. It is not a majority of the kids; most have tried it but they don't smoke it as a rule. Right now we can make it as difficult for them as possible to use marijuana in the school."

The student handbook states that the penalty for possession or selling of drugs, including marijuana, on school grounds, is expulsion from school. Mr. Theodorowicz indicated that to his knowledge, no student has been expelled from the high

rules be more strictly enforced.

Teachers I spoke with felt that it was not part of their job to police the lavatories or school grounds. They also expressed concern about the lack of backing they receive when they do initiate a disciplinary action.

Administrators in the high school felt that they could not solve the problem by themselves. Principal Theodorowicz noted that he and his two vice-principals are not only responsible for their administrative duties but also the policing of the building and all disciplinary action.

The Police Department, according to Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, contacted Dr. Cannava two months ago to inform him that they (the police) had discovered a "substantial" marijuana problem at the high school. Chmielewski said that he was asked to wait before his department took any action. He said he was told by Dr. Cannava that the school administration was going to attempt to handle the problem from within.

Chmielewski stated, "I am aware that this problem has existed for a long time. I have met with the Superintendent and the school board, they have assured me we can work together on this problem. I do intend to take positive action on this problem in conjunction with the school



Students on the 'slope' at Agawam High School

The majority of the people I spoke with passed the responsibility for the present drug situation to someone other than themselves. The parents I spoke with, for the most part, blamed the school.

The teachers passed the blame to the administration, who in turn laid the blame on the school committee and the police department. The school this year for the possession or sale of drugs.

Many of the parents that I

spoke with voiced concern that the school was not doing enough to remedy the marijuana situation in the school system. They were also concerned that the school was not providing an environment conducive to learning. Many expressed the wish that school administration.

Dr. Cannava presently out of town, and was unavailable for comment.

Every person I spoke with, parents, teachers, school administrators, school committee members and police, agreed that it was time to sit down, all together, and try to find a solution to this problem.

While doing her research on drug use in our schools, Gail Loncto happened upon another problem - that of widespread vandalism in our schools. Next week she will take an in-depth look at the problem - a problem that costs the taxpayer large sums of money each year.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**Wednesday
February 21**

6:00 HOUSE CALLS (PG-1:38)
8:00 College Basketball:
OKLAHOMA CITY AT NOTRE
DAME (Live)
10:00 LOVE AND DEATH (PG-1:25)
11:30 THE BIG SLEEP (R-1:40)

**Thursday
February 22**

6:00 ESCAPE TO WITCH
MOUNTAIN (G-1:37)
8:00 On Location:
EL GRANDE DE COCA COLA
9:00 GYMNASIUMS
10:00 BANANAS (PG-1:22)
11:30 WINTER CARNIVAL '79
1:00 On Location:
PHYLLIS DILLER



**Friday
February 23**

6:00 On Location:
NORM CROSBY
7:00 UPCLOSE
8:00 HOUSE CALLS (PG-1:38)
10:00 Special:
DISCO BEAVER FROM
OUTER SPACE
11:00 THE BIG SLEEP (R-1:40)
1:00 PRETTY MAIDS ALL IN A
ROW (R-1:32)

**Saturday
February 24**

3:30 THE MOUSE AND HIS
CHILD (G-1:23)
5:00 ANNIE HALL (PG-1:33)
6:30 LOVE AND DEATH (PG-1:25)
8:00 CAHILL, U.S. MARSHAL
(PG-1:43)
10:00 ANNIE HALL (PG-1:33)
11:30 EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS
WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT
SEX... (R-1:27)
1:00 BANANAS (PG-1:22)

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**Sunday
February 25**

3:30 ESCAPE TO WITCH
MOUNTAIN (G-1:37)
5:30 Standing Room Only:
BARRY MA VILLOW
7:30 WINTER CARNIVAL '79
9:00 LOOKING FOR MR.
GOODBAR (R-2:15)
11:30 THE SWARM (PG-1:56)
1:30 ALEX & THE GYPSY
(R-1:39)

**Monday
February 26**

6:00 HOUSE CALLS (PG-1:38)
8:00 THE SWISS CONSPIRACY
(PG-1:31)
9:30 PRETTY MAIDS ALL IN A
ROW (R-1:32)
11:00 Special:
DISCO BEAVER FROM
OUTER SPACE
12:00 LOVE AND DEATH (PG-1:25)

**Tuesday
February 27**

5:30 Standing Room Only:
BARRY MANILOW
7:30 BANANAS (PG-1:22)
9:00 College Basketball:
SOUTH CAROLINA VS.
MARQUETTE (Live)
11:00 CAHILL, U.S. MARSHAL
(PG-1:43)
1:00 On Location:
EL GRANDE DE COCA COLA

**'Tribute to Ed
Connelly'
Dinner Slated**

Friends and supporters of Rep. Edward W. Connelly, (R-Agawam) have joined together to hold a "Tribute to Ed Connelly" dinner.

Rep. Connelly has recently been appointed to a major leadership role in the Massachusetts Legislature.

Governor Edward J. King will head the list of notables invited to attend. The affair will be held Thursday evening, March 8th, at Chez Josef on Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Dinner will be at 7:30 preceded by a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m.

Other notable invited guests include: Mr. Thomas W. McGee, Speaker of the Mass. House; Mayor Theodore E. Dimauro, Springfield; Congressman Silvio O. Conte; Sheriff Michael Ashe; Mr. Stephen A. Moynahan, Chairman of the Hampden County Commissioners; and Congressman Edward P. Boland. Also present will be District

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**Red Cross Helps
Agawam Fire Victims**

During the last week of January, United Way of Pioneer Valley disaster funds administered by the Pioneer Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross helped ease the pain of personal suffering for eight families in Agawam who were victims of two different fires.

On January 29, Red Cross disaster volunteers were mobilized to assist seventeen people who were burned out of their residence at 56 River Street. These five families were provided with various forms of temporary assistance including lodging, meals, and clothing.

Two days later on January 31, fire again struck and left its mark of devastation on three families living on Amherst Avenue. Red Cross disaster volunteers were again summoned to the scene to assist the nine people who

were seriously affected by the fire.

This United Way of Pioneer Valley agency provided one family with temporary lodging and replaced one member's eyeglasses. The other two families either stayed with relatives or found new living quarters. One family received groceries and the other family assistance with their first month's rent.

United Way of Pioneer Valley disaster funds and the Pioneer Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, your good neighbor, were there to provide immediate assistance thanks to you and the thousands of people who contribute to the annual Fall United Way of Pioneer Valley campaign effort. Your contribution does work year round for all of us.

**School
Lunch Menus**

Agawam Menu

Monday, Feb. 26 - Cup of tomato soup, grilled chese sandwich, pickle chips, bettered kernel corn, chocolate pudding w/ whip topping, milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 - Pizza w/ cheese and hamburger topping, tossed garden salad with shredded carrots and french dressing, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 28 - Sliced white meat turkey in gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered peas & carrots, cranberry sauce garnish, rye bread and butter, orange jello w/ whip topping, milk.

Thursday, March 1 - Chilled juice, meatball grinder w/ tomato sauce, buttered green beans, apple crisp, milk.
Friday, March 2 - Chilled apple juice, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, oven french fries, ketchup, shredded carrot & raisin salad w/ mayonnaise, ice cream cup, milk.

Southwick Menu

Monday, Feb. 26 - Ravioli w/ meat sauce and shredded chese, buttered green beans, bread & butter, chilled peaches, milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 - Frankfurter on roll, catsup, mustard and pickle relish, potato chips, garden green salad w/ dressing, fresh apple, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 28 - Oven baked chicken, brown gravy, potatoes, buttered corn, bread & butter, cherry jello w/ topping, milk.

Thursday, March 1 - Sloppy Joe on bun, catsup, potato rounds, buttered peas, chocolate cake w/ white icing, milk.
Friday, March 2 - Golden fried fish, tartar sauce, macaroni and chese, popeye salad w/ dressing, bread & butter, chilled cinnamon applesauce, milk.

Southwick High School students will be offered Type A Combo meals each day. Also the above menu will be offered as posted.

**Agawam Senior Center
Wright Street**

- 2/19: Holiday
- 2/20: Pot roast, mashed potatoes, broccoli, pears
- 2/21: Barbequed chicken breast, shredded potatoes, bean salad, cake
- 2/22: Pepper steak, spanish rice, spinach, custard
- 2/23: Tuna patties w/ parsley sauce, carrots, fresh fruit
- 2/26: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, lettuce, pudding
- 2/27: Chicken Chow Mein, rice, beet salad, peanut butter cookies
- 2/28: Lasagne, coleslaw, blueberry turnovers
- 3/1: Barbequed beef ribs, potato puffs, squash, jello
- 3/2: Fish sticks w/ tartar sauce, scalloped potatoes, corn apple crisp

On February 21, 10 a.m., we will have a group of men here to help anybody with their income tax returns. These are specially trained men who will give their services free of charge. Please make an appointment at the office, we have to know how many to expect.

For those who still have difficulty reaching us by telephone, our new number is 786-0400, extension 242 or 243.

Our movie for Wednesday, Feb. 21st., is "Elsa and Her Cubs."

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Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Transplanting African violets is the subject of a lot of conservation among people who grow them. Some people seem to think that they will flower best if they are pot-bound, while other people will tell you that they will bloom better if they are given a lot of "leg room" in their pots.

Both sides of this argument seem to have excellent luck getting their plants to bloom and, in general, thrive. The point seems to be that a root-bound plant in a small pot will stay smaller and will require a lot more feeding. A plant in a pot with plenty of "leg room" will stay wet longer and, therefore, you would have to be careful not to overwater it.

Generally, there are two types of pots commonly used in growing African violets: clay pots and plastic pots. They really are quite different. Clay pots are very porous. They allow a lot of air and moisture to pass through their sides, drying the soil and keeping a good supply of air around the roots.

Gesneriads have a fine root system, and they do like good air circulation around their roots. In this respect, clay pots are fine. Clay pots will allow the soil to dry out a lot faster so you would have to be very careful not to let the plants dry out completely. This means watering a lot more often in a clay pot.

Plastic pots hold water very, very well. They may not allow air to circulate around the roots quite as well, but a porous soil will correct this. Plastic pots are cheaper, as a rule. They are a lot easier to clean and you don't have to water as frequently as with clay pots. You would have to water very carefully in a plastic pot and watch out for root rot.

These plants like to be grown in a shallow pot; that is, one wider than it is tall. Sometimes they are called "squat pots" or azalea pots by growers or nurseries.

The African violet and its relatives are bothered by relatively few pests or insects. I guess the most common insect pest to these lovely plants is the mealy bug. The best way to treat these pests on an African violet is with a cotton swab dipped in alcohol or malathion. Dab the wet swab on the white, fluffy, cottony-looking mealy bug and try not to let much of the liquid get on the rest of the plant.

If you discover a plant with mealy bugs, you should move it away from the rest of your healthy plants until it has been cured. If the infestation is very severe, the best thing might be just to dispose of the plant and replace it with a healthy one.

The other fairly common pest to bother these plants is the cyclamen mite. These little devils are not visible to the naked eye so you would have to learn to look for the signs they produce. The crown of the plant will become shriveled, and the new growth will have a sparse, hairy appearance.

If one of your plants is visited by these mites, I must suggest that you dispose of the plant. This pest is very difficult to destroy and will spread to your other violets very quickly.

If you decide to try and cure the plant, dip or spray it with a miticide and keep it separate from all other plants. Repeat the treatment in about a week and then be very careful about pronouncing it cured.

If you would like to own a very good handbook on these plants, send 75¢ and a request for the book *How To Know and Grow Gloxinias and Other Gesneriads* to Mrs. Charlotte Rowe, American Gloxinia and Gesneriad Society, Box 174, New Milford, Conn. 06776.

Good luck with your gesneriads and all your other house plants.

KEEP SMILING! JMC

Agawam Volunteer To Be Honored

An additional 50 members of the Volunteer Program at Providence Hospital will be honored on Tuesday, February 20, at the annual get-together in the hospital auditorium.

The special award night will include awarding certificates to the recently-announced group and volunteer pins to a group of over 60 young people announced last month. In addition to the award presentation, a special Teen

Fashion Show sponsored by Brooks of Fairfield Mall will be held and coordinated by Trisha Harnois of Brooks.

Parents of the volunteers have been invited, and a special "make your own sundae" will be on the refreshment menu.

On the list of volunteers at the hospital as announced by Mrs. May McLellan, director of volunteers, is Romi DiPietro from Agawam.

Conte Urges Wood Stoves Be Part of Energy Tax Act

WASHINGTON D.C.—U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte, R-Mass., is urging the Treasury Department to include wood-burning stoves among the devices eligible for energy tax credits. Conte has joined 41 of his colleagues in sending a letter to Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal requesting that wood-burning stoves be included in the final regulations for the Energy Tax Act of 1978, part of last year's National Energy Act.

The letter from the Congressmen pointed out that "the fuel efficiency of the modern wood stove is between 40 and 60 percent, almost exactly the same as the efficiency of a gas or oil burning furnace and considerably more efficient than electric generating plants, which are only 30-40 percent efficient."

The Congressman also noted that wood stoves and better home insulation to accommodate them are more affordable alternatives for low and middle income

families, who "could not, even with the best tax break, afford solar heating systems."

The legislation provides for a non-refundable credit—up to \$300.—for 15 percent of the first \$2000. invested in qualifying equipment. The property claimed for the credit must be installed between April 20, 1977, and December 31, 1985 in a principal residence already in existence on April 20, 1977.

The Secretary of the Treasury is expected to announce the draft regulations on the energy tax credits in the near future. While the legislation passed by the Congress spelled out some of the energy-saving devices eligible for the credit, because of questions raised about the efficiency of wood-burning fireplaces, the inclusion of wood-burning equipment and the regulations for the implementation of the new law were left to the discretion of the Treasury Secretary.

Conservation Commission To Meet

The Agawam Conservation Administration Building, Commission will meet on Hearing Room, 36 Main Thursday, February 22, at Street, Agawam. 7:30 p.m. in the Town

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Social



James R. Snyder

Snyder Selected for Who's Who

James R. Snyder, a senior at Agawam High School, has been notified of his selection for the twelfth annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1977-78."

1977-78."

Recognition in WHO'S WHO is a national honor reserved exclusively for junior and senior class high school students who have demonstrated leadership or achievement in either academics, athletics, extracurricular activities, or community service. It represents a significant personal achievement for Jim, since less than 5% of all the nation's enrolled juniors and seniors receive this special recognition.

At Agawam High, he was lettered in track and swimming, is an honor roll student, and has been active in political and other community activities.

Jim, the son of Brady and Venetta Snyder, lives at 10 Strawberry Hill Road, Feeding Hills, with his sister Debora and brother Richard.

Food Co-Op To Meet

The Agawam Food Co-op, 495 Springfield Street, Agawam, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing high quality food at the lowest possible prices through bulk-buying.

Fresh produce, products from Arnolds Bread, State line and Coca-Cola, fresh cheeses and dairy products, fruit juices, baking supplies, natural foods, and more are available.

An informational meeting will be held on Saturday, February 24th at 11 a.m. for people who wish to learn more about what a food co-op is, how it works, and what it has to offer.

Class of '29 Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1929 would like to hold a 50th class reunion and is looking for interested class members. If you are interested, please call Helen Fickweiler at 786-8249 or Richard Kellogg at 786-3297.

Blue & Gold Held For Cub Pack 76

Cub Scout Pack 76 from St. Theresa's Church in Agawam held its first Blue and Gold Banquet on Sunday, February 11 at St. Anthony's hall.

Rolli Jacobs of Channel 22 was the guest speaker and was presented with a Cub Scout appreciation plaque.

Also present was Doloras Chamberlain, round table commissioner from the Massasoit Division, who was presented with a certificate and a plaque for her help with different materials she has given us.

Several cubs received their award badges. They are as follows:

Gary Scott, bobcat; Joey Walz, Frank Moccio, Richard Bernard, Robert Lempke, and Christopher Provost, wolf badges; Michael Bonavita, one gold & two silver arrows; David Webster, one gold & three silver arrows; Mark Hallbauer, two silver arrows; Daniel Poggi, two silver arrows.

Webelos receiving awards were Tommy Walz, aquanaut pin, and Dennis Martin, artist pin.

Father Bob Choquette, who got us all started with this pack, was presented with a mug, a Spirit of 76 pillow, and a cross cake honoring him on that day as pastor of St. Theresa's Church for one year.

A spaghetti supper was prepared by Mike Bonavita, while John Hallbauer and Jim Vandergrift tended salads, desserts, and beverages.

Pack 75 Holds Pack 75 Holds Annual Awards Dinner

On February 14, the Cub Scouts and Webelos of Sacred Heart Church Pack 75 held their annual awards dinner. An opening prayer was offered by Father Burns.

A variety of delicious hot and cold dishes were served family-style, and the tables were all set up by individual dens and showed originality and good craftsmanship.

Den 9, under the leadership of Sis Nowacki, put on a skit of what they thought our banquet would be like in the distant future.

The awards were many since the boys have obviously worked hard. The "Arrow of Light" badge was awarded to Jeff Nardi, who was then welcomed into the Boy Scouts by troop leaders Tom Tourville and Bob Perry. Four-year service pins were earned by Mrs. Joanne Tourville and Mrs. Jean Blanchard.

Committee members for this pack are as follows: John Brames, institutional representative; Father Choquette, unit and council chaplain for the Catholic faith; Nancy Hallbauer, chairperson and den leader coach; Roger Rousseau, cubmaster; Patricia Del Buono, treasurer; Lillian Martin, secretary; John Hallbauer, awards chairman; Michael Bonavita, fundraising; Barbara Vandergrift, arts and crafts and refreshments; Mary Martin, refreshments; Eileen Rousseau, photography.

Den mothers are Ann Poggi (Den 1), Una Trudell (Den 2), Therese Landry (Den 3), Una Trudell (Den 4). Robert Martin is the Webelos leader, Den 1. Den Chiefs for the pack are Kevin Vandergrift, Den 2, Guy Jedney, Den 3, and Anthony LaViolette, Den 4.

Two Cubs moved up into Webelos, Shawn Bonavita and Robert Vandergrift.

Two additional den leaders Mrs. Laurence Pisano and Mrs. Michael Bonavita, took over Den 4.

The Webelos did the opening and closing ceremonies at the banquet, and everyone had a terrific time. Thanks are extended to all for a job well done.

If there are any boys who have turned 8 years old or have completed the second grade and would like to join our Cub Scout Pack 76, please call 786-2309 or 786-4451.

Mr. & Mrs. Cardone Attend La. Seminar

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Cardone, owners of Medical Personnel Pool in West Springfield recently attended a three-day seminar entitled "Teamwork Time - '79" in New Orleans, La.

The meeting, conducted at the Monteleone Hotel in the famed French Quarter, was designed to assist owners of Personnel Pool of America, Inc. franchise operations with management decision-making in the areas of marketing, advertising, tax planning, and estate planning.

According to Mr. and Mrs. Cardone, Medical Personnel Pool is one of over 200 offices affiliated with the Personnel Pool of America group. The purpose of their business is to provide supplemental personnel on an as needed basis to local business and/or health care facilities.

Medical Personnel Pool has been servicing the greater Springfield area for the past five years and is located at 68 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Cardone reside in Agawam.

Dems Meeting Rescheduled

The meeting of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee originally set for February 22 has been rescheduled to Thursday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the library.

UNICO Governor's Ball Slated

District Governor Mario Dopicio held the first meeting of 8 UNICO chapters of the Massachusetts district 1 including Agawam, West Springfield, Westfield, Springfield, East Longmeadow, Ludlow, Wilbraham, and Worcester.

Plans were announced for their 5th annual Governor's Ball to be held April 23 at the Colosseum, Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

Agawam Man at AIC

American International College has accepted 44 new undergraduate day students for the spring semester. The majority of the students are from Massachusetts, especially the Greater Springfield area, although Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and several foreign countries are also represented.

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Powder Mill School Merit Roll

The following are names of students who have been included in the Powder Mill School Merit Roll for the second quarter of the school year.

GRADE 5

H.R. 202: Kara Antonucci, Laurie Desroches, Wendy Frina, Lisa Grandfield, Carrie Hall, Rebecca Mihlek, Harold Odiorne, Michelle Pepper.

H.R. 203: Paula Alekson, Lisa Christopher, Thomas Cowhey, Linnea Erhart, Michelle Esile, Karen Hosmer, Nicole Korte, Jennifer Nadeau.

H.R. 205: Tamara DeGray, Sheila Fountain, Tavis Grady, Christina Guilbert, Mark Herbele, Darlene Moccio, Jay Pinney, William Richards.

H.R. 206: Janina Buldrini, Renee Charbonneau, Lisa Ehrhardt, Theresa Jasmin, Tami Root, Robert Tencerowicz, Dean Wakefield.

H.R. 207: Tanya Braxton, Karen Carmody, Ronald Cote.

H.R. 208: Yvonne DeVerri, Lynne Fournier, and Michelle Phelps.

GRADE 6

H.R. 3: Laura Champiny, Sharon Cohoon, Nicole Durocher, Karen Girard, Launa Gresham, Wayne Lis, Darlene Pizzi.

H.R. 4: Dina Campagnari, Kelly Chester, Thomas Davis, Michelle Drummond, Grace Gregg, Jason Lobo, Debra MacEwan, Melanie Thompson, Michelle Tyenda.

H.R. 5: Devon Davis, Lisa Darlington, Monique Laquerre, Maryann Marceno, Lisa Pepper.

H.R. 6: Carolyn Bardwell, Michelle Bruyette, Matthew Crick, Cheryl Dubreuil, Suzanne Dunlap, Darlene Frappier, Carey Girard, James Hanley, Todd Lever, Karen Sulewski.

H.R. 9: Denise Alekson, Celeste Camara, Julie Cecchini, Lloyd Duso, Elisa Hibert, Tammy Murdock, Sharon Platanitis, Karen Seibert.

H.R. 10: Lori Bartley, Beverly Battistoni, Cheryl Bednaz, Lynda Clark, Michelle Cook, Steven Desroches, Renee Duval, Danelle Fiorentino, Danny Hall, Melinda Pustinger, and Beth Shiveley.

GRADE 7

H.R. 12: Justine Hansen, Linda Keene, Joanne Munson, Judith Sabadosa.

H.R. 101: Alena Antonucci, Rose Granaudo, Kurt Mailman, Laura Rice, Vicki Tether, Cheryl Thompson.

H.R. 103: Cassandra Deedy, Todd Lemieux, Michael Pinney.

H.R. 109: Timothy Kolendo.

H.R. 110: Michael Bartley, Cheryl Colina, Debra DeRay, Carol Dunlap, Alisa Hooker, Douglas Pepe, Sean Plankey, and Joanne Sligar.

GRADE 8

H.R. 102: Elizabeth Davis, Cathryn Forkey, Brett Matossian, Wayne Parks, Robin Schools.

H.R. 104: Robert Alberti, Mary Costa, Patricia Daniels, Jacqueline Hepburn, Bruce Lambert, Brian Phillips, Dominica Reed.

H.R. 105: Karen Cooley, Jennifer Hall, Kimberley Jones, Kimberley Reehl.

H.R. 106: Elaine Alekson, Kristen Miltimore, Anthony Rahaim.

H.R. 210: Peter Farina, Monica Monty.

H.R. 211: Lorraine Egerton, William Onyski, Vicki Towle.



Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

With only one mockingbird to add to the list, I personally had little to report for the February bird count. Although I do sometimes have titmice, none presented themselves over the weekend. I have not seen a cardinal since a pair of these colorful birds visited the feeder last October. They came two mornings in a row and then seemed to disappear. Nevertheless, I sent my findings to the Audubon Society in hopes that they will be of some use.

This week's column is dedicated to a bird that most of you have seen and probably regarded as a pigeon. This bird is the mourning dove and is in the family *Columbidae*, which does include pigeons as well as doves.

The birds in this family are small-headed, short-legged and quick-flying. They bob their heads when they walk and all members coo.

The mourning dove's coo is very mournful; hence, its name. Its soft sandy-buff, sedate coloring gives it a subdued appearance as though the bird were dressed in mourning.

The mourning dove generally measures from 10 to 12 inches in length and has a slim, tapered body. The tail is pointed and bordered with white. Its habitat is fields, parks, and lawns.

The mourning dove is a ground feeder and lives on seeds, grains, and fruits. It is one bird that can easily be observed picking up and swallowing grit to aid in its digestion.

While the mourning dove

feeds in a flock, it nests alone. The female lays two white eggs per brood in a platform nest that is often so thin that the eggs can be viewed right through it. The nest is often located in a pine tree anywhere from 2 to 24 feet off the ground.

The nest is made from stems, straw, and sometimes leaves and moss. Since only two eggs are laid at one time, there is a need for multiple breeding during the season. In the South, the mourning dove may raise as many as four broods; the shorter the breeding season in the North affords time for only two, maybe three, broods.

At a distance, it is easy to mistake a mourning dove for a common pigeon. While they do share the characteristic whistling of the wings upon flight, there are definite differences, particularly the coloring between pigeons and doves. With little practice, an observer can quickly learn the difference.

Youth Soloist Auditions

James M. Orent, music director of the Holyoke College-Civic Orchestra, has announced that auditions for the orchestra's sixth annual Youth Soloist Competition will take place in April.

The competition is open to students throughout the central Pioneer Valley. Pianists and performers on standard orchestral instruments are eligible to compete if they are between their junior year in high school and sophomore year in college. Singers are eligible to compete between their junior year in high school and senior year in college.

The winner, to be chosen by a jury examination-audition, will be awarded a prize of \$100 and will be invited to perform a major work with the orchestra at a concert during the 1979-1980 season.

Further information and application forms may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Mr. Orent, 87 Garfield Street, Springfield, MA 01108 or to Holyoke Community College, 303 Homestead Avenue, Holyoke, MA 01040. All applications must be received by February 28, 1979.

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Attorney Matthew J. Ryan, Jr.; Rev. Floyd C. Bryan; Senator Alan D. Sisitsky; Rep. William G. Robinson Minority Leader, Mass. House of Representatives; Rev. Father James Shea; Mr. Vincent R. Caroleo, toastmaster; Mr. Peter Caputo, Agawam Town

Manager; and Mr. Richard Theroux, President of the Agawam Town Council.

The committee organizing the dinner is headed by general chairmen Richard Theroux and Ernest Swanson. Other committee members include Ruth Zucco, Joseph Dahdah, Andrew

Gallano, Anthony Saracino, Frank Locke, Frank Chriscola, Gerald Mason, Marian White, Charles Marquis, Richard Brindle, and Al Bellano. Also, Chief Stanley Chmielewski, Vincent Caroleo, Gerald Mason, Kenneth Barnes, Leon Charkoudian, and John Beltrandi.

Fontana Appointed Fire Inspector

On Monday, February 12, Town Manager Peter Caputo made known the appointment of Alfred "Junie" Fontana to the position of fire inspector for the Agawam Fire Department.

Fontana is a 22-year veteran of the fire department, and this experience and knowledge will be used in various areas of fire prevention. Inspector Fontana will be required to perform inspections of town businesses, public buildings, schools, and nursing homes.

He will also assist in fire investigations and bring fire prevention facts to the attention of the public.

Inspector Fontana lives on North West Street in Feeding Hills and is a ranking American Hockey League official, as well as a participant in showing horses across the Northeast.

Fontana replaces Edward Bobeck, the former fire inspector who was injured in a job-related accident and has been placed on limited duty.

Library Review Committee To Meet

The Citizens Library Review Committee will hold an organizational meeting at the Agawam Town Hall on Tuesday, February 20, 1979, at 7:00 P.M. There will also be a meeting of the committee on Thursday, February 22, at 4:00 p.m. in the Agawam Town Hall.

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Honor Rolls

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On February 5, 1979, the Mittleague Congregational Church Weekday Nursery School expanded its programs to include care for children from 15 months to 7 years old.

Under the new title, The Children's Center, children will be cared for on a regular scheduled basis. Full day or halfday, before and after school sessions will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The programs of the Children's Center will include directed creative activities, storytime, outdoor and indoor play periods, as well as rest and quiet times. A nourishing hot lunch will be served at noon each day and a snack will be available each morning and afternoon.

For additional information, please contact the church office at 734-1290 and ask for Pat Sakellis or Gail handy.

High School

The following students have been named to the Agawam High School Honor Roll for the second term of the present school year.

CLASS OF 1979

Barbara Atwater, Judith Baj, Thomas Bergin, Leslie Bull, Carmela Cardaropoli, Cynthia Cartello, Graziella Chiarella, Jean Craig, Kevin Culverhouse, Douglas Cusson, Melanie Darbe, Vicki Marinello, Susan Deitelbaum, Leslie Delisle, Michael Demusis, Jody Desjarlais, Christine Fenton, Jodi Ferraro, Gary Geiger, Lee Ann Harvey, Mario Ioccolo, Peter Kerr, Gary Labine, Robert Labun, Walter Lafrancis, Robert Lamb, Joan Lamson, Laury Leclerc, Elizabeth Lombardo, Nelson Martel, Nancy Masi, Louise Montagna, Raymond Morris, Christine Nieroda, Kathleen O'Connell, Giselle Ortiz, Christine Perrault, Lynn Perry, Edward Pigeon, Barbara Plante, Andrea Poirier, Theresa Potito, Kara Puskey, Timothy Reimers, Annmarie Remillard, James

Ricco, Lisa Rioni, Cheryl Robinson, Christoph Rubeli, Carla Salotti, Emilia Santinello, Laurie Saracino, Irene Sausville, John Shaer, Paul Sibilia, James Snyder, Edwyna Stefanik, Joan Stepanik, Steven Tapply, Robert Thomas, Brian Thresher, Kathleen Vincent, Lynne Witkiewicz, Arthur Wu, Randolph Young, and Frank Zucco.

CLASS OF 1980

Ralph Albano, Christine barr, Gary Baszak, David Beck, Timothy Bennett, Curt Burmeister, Lisa Capitanio, Mark Casey, Maria Cavallo, Kim Chenevert, Terri Chesley, Belinda Cornelius, James Duda, Mary Favreau, Noel Girard, Lori Krolicki, Richard Leclerc, Cynthia Nolan, Kimberly Nolin, Lori Opal, Christine Orr, Lisa Pedulla, Nicholas Rondolletto, Pauline Roy, Eric Schmidt, Mary Taupier, Corrine Tessicini, Patti Witkiewicz, Bassam Yacteen, and Paul Zerbinopoulos

CLASS OF 1981

Ann Abbey, Thomas Albano, David Allen, Theresa Amellin, Lisa Asta-Ferrero, Tracey Bitgood, Leonard Bruso, Andrea Burns, Laura Carlito, Patricia Chesley, Scott Cousineau, Wendy Czerpak, Beth Dahlke, Rosemarie Destefano, Michael Ehresman, Judith Ferguson, Jacqueline Fortier, Glenn Geddis, Paulette Girard, Karol Goehlert, Beth Golemo, Dehora Goyette, Gerald Graziano, Sharon Hallock, David Hanson, John Jury, Karl Kamyk, Georgia Kraumenos, Katherine Landers, Paul Lomelino, Craig McCarl, Laurel Masi, David Meade, David Podgorski, Lisa Robinson, Todd Rovelli, Kevin Ryan, Antonio Santinello, James

Shea, Ann Sherry, Thomas Sibilia, John Slicch, Sharon Stefanik, James Thornton, Lisa Vignato, and Leah Wyllie.

Jr.Hi

The following students have been named to the Honor Roll for the second term at Agawam Junior High School.

GRADE 9

Linda Allen, Mary Arsenault, Dianna Bator, Thomas Bennett, Deborah Briggs, Sandee Brittain, Geraldine Bussolari, Darcy Burmeister, Anthony Caputo, Frank Cardaropoli, David Cecchi, Kathy Cecchi, Ruth Chandler, Christine Chmura, Christine Conway, Kelli Cowles, Susan Davis, Cheryl Despiert, Laura Dunn, Ellen Fanning, Marlene Feeney, Gina Ferraro

Also, Alphonse Ferrentino, Brian Fogg, Nancy Gentile, Anna Greguoli, Timothy Guarnieri, Charles Hastings, Rita Iacolo, David Jenks, Daniel Jury, Alisa Lafrancis, Cheryl Lamb, Martha Leary, Sally Lesik, Andrew Lester, Tammy Lucia, Allison Lush, James Mahoney, Susan Marai, Diane Melanson, Susan Messier, Laurie Montefusco, Cindy Morrisette, Cynthia Murphy

Also, Marc Nicole, Charles Noble, Roger Olewinski, Catherine O'Malley, Thomas Paleologopoulos, James Podgorski, Scott Rainville, Heather Roberts, Jeff Rovelli, Timothy Ryan, Cheryl Santagate, Susanne Santiniello, Susan Shayda, Patrick Sheehan, Lea-Ann Sibilia, Carol Simone, Scott Smith, Susan Spagnoli, Brian Sutton, Mario Tricarella, Michael Wands, Jeffrey White, Barry Wu

GRADE 8
Jodi Anderson, Karen Augusti, Charles Barber, Dawn Barr, Ann Marie Barrett, Lori Bartnik, Lorraine Belisle, Susan Bodurtha, Kelly Boland, Paul Burton, James Cardaropoli, Cynthia Casavant, Eric

Cousineau, Michelle Crean, Debora Cruz, Debora Dalton, Raelene Davis, Jody Dennis, Laura DeSantis, Linda Desmarais, Frank DeStefano, Nicole Dickmann, Lisa Ditomaso, Karen Duda, Dawn Edmunds

Also, Barbara Lewis, William Fairlie, John Favreau, Donna Fogg, Dawn Fontaine, Ellen Fontaine, Tracy Fontaine, Christine Frasco, Lynn Fratini, James Frogameni, Teresa Geaughan, Thomas Gonet, Joanne Imelio, Kristin Jackson, Maria Kozloski, Edward Krafft, Juan Kulik, Renee Lacour, Donald Lancour, Patricia Landers, Teresa Larocca, Kristi Letendre, Joseph Longo, Eugene McLean, Michael Madry

Also, Michael Mahoney, William Malachowski, Lisa Martinelli, Helen Miller, Donna Moccio, Mary Moreau, Lucinda Napoli, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Diane Palazzi, Eileen Paleologopoulos, Dale Patnaude, Phillip Podgorski, Debora Saliba, Dwayne Sharpy, Ellen Smith, Kimberly Stoll, Joseph Swales, Denise Thornton, Robert Uschmann, Jeffrey Vandergrift, Debra Villeneuve, Else VonHollander, Stephen Ward, Colin Wells, Karen Wesley, Lori Witkiewicz, and Stephen Young

Middle School

The following students have been named to the Honor Roll for the second term at the Agawam Middle School.

GRADE 7

Karen Albano, Thaisal Alechny, Scott Bartels, Clifford Belden, Raymond Belden, Carol Benson, Edward Borgatti, Denise Bourbonnais, Laura Bruso, Gina Buoniconti, Kevin Burton, Louis Carranza, Lin Cavanaugh, Carol Chartier, Lisa Chevalier, Diana Cocchi, Scott Cofer, Gary Conlin, Colleen Conway, Darren Copple, Thomas Cruz, Alan Damours, David DeMatteo, Andrea Donabed, Michael Duval, Michele Early, Carl Fancy III, Laura Farrington, Tony Ferrero, Stephen Fisher, Lisa Frechette

Also, Anne Gallerani, Donna Gasteyer, Sue Goehlert, Jeffrey Goulet, V. Michael Govoni, Anthony Grasso, Christopher Gregory, Daniel Hallock, Thomas Hanson, Tara Hazen, Walter Hollinger, Lori Holmes, Beverly Johnson, Robert Johnson Jr., Steven Jury, Brian Kane, Shawn Keery,

Kristie Knight, Lena Kozloski, Kathryn Kudelski, Debra Kushin, William Landry, Filomen Larocca, Michael Larouche, Lisa Laudato, Dean Leclerc, Eric Lunden, Gina Lynch, Christine McCarthy, Lawrence Manning, Debora Marai, Joseph Maruszczak, Anthony Mastromatteo, Sophia Maynard, Alan Mazza, Jay Mercadante, Erik Meunier, Deanna Mezzetti, Debora Morassi, Michael Morassi, Debora Most, Kimberly Musinski

Also, Christine Nadok, Marie Nahajlo, Karen O'Donnell, Tina Ogorzalek, Tina O'Keefe, Maria Ollari, Paul Pacewicz Jr., Kimberly Paddock, Michael Payne, Ann Phillips, Edward Piccoli, Tammy Potter, Michael Quaglini, Lori Rahilly, Shannon Rogers, Michael Rolland, Monica Rose, Carolyn Rosner, Pamela Rowen, Michlene St. Pierre, Michael Sardella, Kathleen Schindler, Catherine Sheehan, Sarah Short, Shawn Simpson, Lisa Slaimen, John Spellacy, Michael Stassen, Jill Stefanik, Dawn Tlusty, Shawn Uschmann, Dana Venturini, Andrew Vezis, Sharon Walsh, Diane Wheeler, James Wright, Lynda Yacavone, Lynne Ziegeft

GRADE 6

Dale Barnes, Pamela Beele, Mark Bortolussi, Brian Bouley, Karen Briggs, Michael Briggs, Christine Burrows, Lois Carra, Paul Cavallo, Joanne Cecchi, J.J. Chriscola, Angela Christy, Todd Connery, Karen Conway, Melissa Copple, Edgar Cornelius, Kimberly Corriveau, Jennifer Crean, Robin Cross, Michael Daponde, Betty Dilley, Nicholas DiTomaso, Sara Jane Douglass, Lisa Duffus, Michael Fazio, Diane Feil, Paul Ferraro, Patrick Foley, William Fortier, Kerry Frechette, Anthony Frogameni, John Gentile, Mary Ghidoni, Susan Gielda, Renee Girard, Karen Grant, Michelle Gray, Edward Grimaldi

Also, Lisa Hallock, Susan Harpin, Jeffrey Hastings, John Hauser Jr., Shelly Haynes, Lori Helin, James Helton, Cynthia Hill, Kim Jackson, Jeanne Juzba, Michael Karam, Christine Kozinski, Miguel Kulik, Gregory Labine, Michael Lemay, Gina Letellier, Roseann Longo, Melissa Ludemann, Caroline McGregor, Kelly McNamee, E.F. Malachowski, Ronald Maniscalco, Richard Marcell, Ann Marie Marmo, Joanne Mason, Todd Mazza, Paul Mercadante, Scott Milliken, Karin Mills, Kristene Miodonka, Christine Moore, raymond Moss

Also, Robert Neal, Leah Negrucchi, Melissa Norton, Steven Oberle, Patricia O'Donnell, Kelli Padden, Joanne Pallotta, John Parent, Jill Phillips, Diana Porter, Jennifer Powell, Kathleen Przeszlo, Danielle Roy, Diane Ruby, Kathleen Rutovich, Karen Sanderson, Laurie Sleeper, Heather Smith, Lara Smith, Michael Smith, Matthew Soffen, Andrea Strycharz, Stacy Sutarik, Cari-Anne Szabla, Renee Talbot, Patrick Tangredi, Paula Taupier, Andrea Tebaldi, Christopher Tourville, Jennifer Trehey, Ronald Viens, Jeffrey Wands, Kathleen Washburn, Kelly Welch, Amy Wilson, Robert Wing Jr., Samantha Woods

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Agawam Jaycees To Present Awards

Ted Zern, President of the Agawam Jaycees, today announced recipients of the Jaycees 1979 Community Service Awards. Using a new format this year, the Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes are announcing the honorees prior to their Community Service Awards Banquet, to be held Friday, February 23rd at the Silver Carriage Inn.

Honored with the Distinguished Service Award, top award presented by the Jaycees, is Mrs. Venetta Snyder. With a long history of community service, Mrs. Snyder has served on the School Committee for nine years, serving as Chairman during 1977-78. She has held several positions on the Board of Directors of SPAN Center and the Agawam Citizens Organization, since their founding. Recently named to the State Athletic Commission for Secondary Schools, Mrs. Snyder has long been active with Scouting, holding the Girl Scouts' highest award for service. She has served five terms as President of the Agawam VFW Post 1632 Auxiliary. An Agawam High School graduate, employed as Activities Director at Heritage Hall, she and husband Brady and their three children make their home at 10 Strawberry Hill Road, Feeding Hills.

Receiving the "Woman of the Year" Award is Mrs. Dorothy Marquis of Wilbert Terrace in Feeding Hills. A mother of four and owner of Calypso Travel, Mrs. Marquis was recognized for her work with American Field Services and their student exchange program. She was Agawam's United Way Chairperson for two years, has worked on Unicef and Catholic Charity appeals, and has been active in parish activities with Sacred Heart for 12 years. A former member of the Agawam Jr. Women's Club, she is active in the Agawam Citizens Organization, Scouting and the PTO. Mrs. Marquis holds membership in the Women's Division Chamber of Commerce, Women's Symphony League and Agawam Hockey Parents Association. Chosen "Man of the Year" is G. Fred Affleck of 100 South Park Terrace. A Brown University graduate with MBA work done at Springfield College, Mr. Affleck is Regional Manager for

Pictorial Publishers, Inc. Instrumental in founding the Agawam Rotary, he serves as First Vice-President. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan YMCA and the Agawam YMCA. Mr. Affleck is a former Springfield Jaycee member, town meeting member, and four year member of the Bicentennial Commission. A past chairman of the Commercial Division United Fund, he has long served as Finance Chairman of the Agawam Congregational Church and was active in Scouting. He was a founder and long-time board member of both SPAN Center and the Agawam Citizens' Organization. Fred and Wife Ester Eaton (Pat) Affleck are the parents of three children and also have three grandchildren.

The "Educator of the Year" award will be presented to Mrs. Ann Favreau of 90 Pleasant Drive, Feeding Hills, a teacher at Granger School. Long regarded as a leader in Kindergarten teaching, Mrs. Favreau was cited for professional excellence and accomplishment. She has conducted workshops throughout Massachusetts and has had several articles published in professional journals. A lector at Sacred Heart Church, she has been active as a Lioness and Girl Scout leader. A married mother of four, she enjoys gourmet cooking, sewing, square dancing, and writing children's literature.

Mrs. Patricia A. Guevin was cited as "Business Person of the Year," as a founder and editor of the Agawam Advertiser/News. "This award is given to a member of the Agawam business community displaying professionalism, ethics, and a high regard for the people of Agawam," Jaycee President Ted Zern said. "I can think of no one who has better exemplified these qualities than Mrs. Guevin, through the Agawam Advertiser/News."

Tickets to the event, featuring dinner, the awards presentation, Town Manager Peter Caputo as guest speaker, and dancing, are \$11 per person. They may be purchased at the Agawam Food Mart or by calling the Jaycees at 786-4175.

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wishing input into the proceedings is welcome to do so.

Caputo commissioned the committee for a period of

twenty days, and in a letter to each member, urged them to focus their energies on answering any questions the Business Association may produce.

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Just Yolks

You all remember Minerva the chicken, don't you? Minerva is one of the chickens belonging to Eddie Borgatti of Franklin Street, Feeding Hills. In our March 14, 1978 issue, we reported on the green eggs that Minerva had started to lay.

Eddie's dad, Police Det. Ed Borgatti, told us recently that many of Minerva's green eggs have been hatched, and her offspring are also laying green eggs. Ed attributes the strange condition to the fact that Minerva's ancestors probably came from Australia where green-egg laying chickens are prevalent. Green or not, Borgatti says they're delicious 'over easy'.

Town Manager, Peter Caputo and family have added a new dimension to their 'pig and pony' ranch. The sign reads "fresh eggs here".

Laughing Brook Seeking Volunteers

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is now accepting applications for people interested in volunteer positions at the 260-acre sanctuary.

Positions available are in the areas of sanctuary maintenance and animal care. All men and women interested should contact Laughing Brook at 566-3571. The minimum age for

volunteers is 14 years. A training session will be held Saturday, March 3 from 1 to 3 in the afternoon. Positions are also available in gift shop clerking.

Laughing Brook is currently conducting a \$460,000 fundraising campaign to provide additional teaching facilities for the Greater Springfield area. To date, 80% has been raised.

Trading Post Winter Sale

The Trading Post will hold its late winter sale, Wednesday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sale will be held at the First Baptist Church, Agawam, corner of Main and Elm Streets.

Twenty per-cent off on any item will be offered, with a good choice of 'good as new' clothes for every member of the family. Many things have been marked way down, and when you take your twenty per-cent off, you will find hard to beat bargains. In stock are some almost new

postman uniforms, a real buy for some lucky person.

The sale will feature a 'back room special' with many small items, household articles, drapes, dishes, shoes, bags, quilting frame, paperbacks, games and toys. EVERYTHING is included in the sale.

The Trading Post has been in business for over twenty years. If you are new in Agawam, please stop by for a visit. The Post is open every Wednesday. Jot down the date and come to the sale!



Frank Bowrys, Edgewood Street, Agawam, hold a one-inch egg laid recently by his Plymouth Rock hen. The Bowrys have seven hens and say this is the smallest egg they have ever seen. photo by Jack Devine

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February 23, 1979
Agawam Jaycees Award
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February 24, 1979
Agawam Food Co-op
Informational Meeting
495 Springfield St.
11 a.m.

February 25, 1979
Cub Pack 78
Blue & Gold Banquet
Polish American Club
1 p.m.

March 1, 1979
Agawam Democratic
Town Meeting
Community Room -
Central Library
7:30 p.m.

March 8, 1979
'Gala Tribute to
Rep. Edward Connelly'
Chez Josef
6:30 p.m.

March 11, 1979
Wrestling Booster Club
Banquet
Polish American Club
5 p.m.



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Editorials



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bowlers are Athletes!

To the Editor:

I would like to make a few comments about Dan Maruzczak Jr.'s article on bowling.

First of all, I think he should do more than glance through a book and watch TV to make a decision as to whether or not bowlers are athletes.

Webster defines *athlete* as "one trained and skilled in sports" and *sports* as "diversion, recreation, amusement."

If bowling is not a type of recreation or amusement, why are bowling alleys crowded seven days and nights a week? I am sure that if bowlers are just going there to sit, talk, and drink some type of beverage, they could find some place else to go.

Has he ever tried bowling 3, 6, or 9 games in an evening with a 14 or 16-pound bowling ball? I am sure if he had he would agree that you have to have some type of "conditioning" to be a good or professional bowler.

Professional bowlers like Mark Roth and Earl Anthony bowl five days a week as many as 15 games a day to qualify for weekend tournaments. It seems to me that rolling that many games of bowling could be classified as being in condition. If you have ever tried bowling with a "cold" arm, you might be willing to say you needed a little conditioning.

I am a bowler, but by no means good, and I do not consider myself an athlete just because I go to the alley twice a week with family and friends and have a drink of some type of beverage while I am bowling for recreation. But if a person can maintain a 175 plus average, I am sure they would be considered trained and skilled in the area of bowling to some degree.

And in closing, I suppose he never saw Reggie Jackson take a drink during the World Series!!!

Bowler for fun & amusement

Anti-Race Track

To the Editor:

Just finished reading letters to the editor, February 13 issue.

I am really concerned about "Concerned Citizen," who wants a racetrack in Agawam. He not only doesn't know what state he lives in, but he doesn't have the courage to sign his name.

In his letter about Connecticut racing, he did not mention the fact that his figures consisted of three Jai Alai's and one dog track.

I would like to state my reasons for being against the racetrack. When the racetrack was here forty years ago, Agawam was rural in character, especially the area surrounding the track. Since that time, many homes have been built around the site, and new homes are still under construction, for instance on Franklin Street Extension and Losito Lane.

erosion. But after the '38 hurricane and the loss of many of the trees, erosion became progressive.

Today if one would drive along River Road, they would easily perceive the number of trees that are tipping toward the water, and nature has scheduled their demise for this coming spring and summer. At one point in particular, the erosion has carried back the bank to the edge of the highway.

As a town official a few years ago, I called this fact to the attention of the county, the state, and the federal government. My thoughts then were that it would be more economical to curtail the erosion before it became serious and expensive. My observation and suggestions were ignored by all three agencies.

Today, as small boys play with their trucks in their respective sand boxes making routes and tunnels through the figments of their imagination, our older administrators are proposing to spend your money on their toy; i.e., a bicycle path along an eroded river bank for about one and one half miles.

I would like at this point to make a comparison between things necessary as opposed to illusions. If you would drive easterly along Route 57 toward Springfield and you wished to arrive at Agawam Center, you would find two spots for egress. One would be Mill Street at Cooper and the next and final one would be at the South End Bridge circle. In short, you can leave Route 57 going west in several places, but you can exit going east only at Mill Street.

Again, as a town official, I appeared before the state D.P.W. in Boston to make this point clear and asked for Mill Street from Cooper to Suffield Streets to be made wider and resurfaced to serve this traffic. They agreed in Boston that this project was a "must" and they approved the project. Sadly enough, this legislature never "funded" the work order. This was, I believe, in 1969, and the road, in its horrible condition, continues to help make business for automotive alignment shops.

You make your decision. Is it more beneficial to improve situations such as Mill Street or to fund the illusions of a bicycle path, the impractical dream of but a few? Mature administrators should forsake the sandbox and establish sound priorities in my opinion.

Sincerely,
George L. Reynolds

No Bike Path Please!

To the Editor:

For those of your readers who are not acquainted with the location of my residence, may I alert them that I live equidistant from the terminals of the proposed bicycle trail along the west bank of the Connecticut River. The trail would begin at School Street and terminate at What we have known for many years as "Calla Shasta."

This site has been our residence for many years, and we have been witnesses to four extremely high water crises.

The high water doesn't concern us as much as the effects it has had on the actual bank of the river. In the 30's and 40's, I was able to ride my saddle horse along this bank with a great deal of room to spare.

However, after the high winds and water of the 1938 flood, the situation began to change radically. It seems that the trees with their tenacious root system helped to prevent

Defends Right to Speak

To the Editor:

While I agree that Mr. Moreno's manner of presentation left something to be desired at the Town Council meeting on Monday, February 5, he is a citizen of Agawam and should have been allowed to speak uninterrupted. He was not boisterous or disorderly and prior to speaking, asked for and was granted by the Council 7 minutes to speak without interruption.

The antagonistic and arrogant manner in which the young council president, Richard Theroux, handled the situation was inexcusable.

The rest of the councilors were also negligent in their

positions by their silence in the matter.

I read in the newspapers the following day that the Council president had Mr. Moreno removed from the building by the police which was, in my opinion, unjustified - he caused no disturbance.

Why (when certain people are present at a Council meeting) does the Council president get so nervous? Could it be that true facts about hot issues might surface? It should be obvious to everyone by now that the young Council president will stop at nothing to silence those who speak for the people, especially Mr. Moreno.

J. B.

More Anti-Track Views

To the Editor:

In regard to the letters to the editor in the February 13 issue, it is too bad that "Concerned Citizen" him/her didn't also give us some statistics of what the gambling facilities in Massachusetts have and are returning in dollars to the cities and towns of our state. Perhaps it was realized that Massachusetts statistics are not as favorable looking as Connecticut's.

I think most people opposed to the racetrack are looking at this proposal realistically and not as "Concerned Citizen" says, "at the negative aspects rather than the positive." Racetrack gambling is not the weekly Bingo game in the parish hall or the buying of a few lottery tickets at the local store. Most of the money generated at the racetrack will leave town and not come back to us for tax relief. The list of benefits the racetrack proposal offers seems rosy, however, experiences at other tracks give the lie to these rosy proposals.

When we see the many towns around us that have turned this proposal down, I find it very hard to believe that some of our town officials have been blinded and would allow Agawam to become a Patsy for these gambling interests.

Instead, I would challenge the Town Manager and the Town Council to take a sensible gamble! An investment by the Town of Agawam that is long overdue. For years our industrial area has languished for want of real development. I challenge them to extend Industrial Lane on through the area so that it connects with Silver Street. Add another street from Suffield Street through the area to Shoemaker Lane. Then we can really attract to Agawam activities that will pay for themselves and be a real benefit to the town.

Developing the industrial area finally after all these years won't be easy, but to quote "Concerned Citizen" again, "I am sure that our town has advanced enough to handle the problems." At last the ideas of a man who had the foresight to start Industrial Lane at his own expense to prove that industry could be attracted will be fully realized. He was literally tarred and feathered and driven out of town for his vision. Belatedly, a subsequent Town Meeting saw fit to appropriate \$12,000 to complete the road and take it over. There has been industry there since, but the additional development to extend the lane was never followed through.

Again I challenge our town officials to take the harder, but more fruitful route towards development that will bring true revenue and jobs to our town.

Sincerely yours,

Jack LoMonaco
Shoemaker Lane

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Pat Guevin



Town Manager Peter Caputo is to be commended for his recent decision to appoint a four-member 'Citizen's Review Board' in response to inquiries made by the Agawam Business Association regarding the building of the new Agawam Library.

The Business Association questioned some aspects of the building of the Central Library; questions they wished answered by a non-partisan fact finding group.

Caputo has just appointed a fourth, and final member to the review committee - Mrs. Marilyn Curry of Feeding Hills. His choices appear to be commendable - Attorney Rene Thomas, Raymond Saracino, Thomas Coppola, and Mrs. Curry. These four people will act as an impartial "review board" to answer the questions raised by the Business Association.

Mr. Caputo has been criticized by some for forming this board. Some feel there is no need - nothing to be questioned.

Whether or not valid questions will be raised in this issue remains to be seen, however, it would be a dereliction of duty on the Manager's part if he chose to ignore the request of the Business Association. He is, after all, a servant of the people, and out of duty must respond to their needs - no, their rights. Who would deny these citizens - any citizen - their right to inquire into any matter which pertains to their town?

Let us hope now that these four people will be able to deal with the situation in a way that will satisfy all concerned.

Legal Notice Legal Notice

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by LAWRENCE G. PARO of Feeding Hills, Hampden County, Massachusetts, to WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK dated January 9, 1978, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4538, Page 297, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, there will be sold at public auction at nine thirty a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 1979, on Lot 13 of the premises hereinafter described, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage, said premises being therein described substantially as follows, to wit:

"A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lots 13 (thirteen) through 20 (twenty) inclusive, all as shown on a plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 108, Page 119, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said Lots.

SUBJECT TO restrictions of record, to the extent any are in force and applicable.

SUBJECT TO easement rights granted Western Massachusetts Electric Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company under instrument dated June 30, 1967, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3269, Page 196.

SUBJECT TO easement rights granted Western Massachusetts Electric Company as successor in interest to Turners Falls Power and Electric Company under instrument dated June 11, 1917, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 979, Page 367, and confirmed under instrument dated August 1, 1960, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2759, Page 472.

Said Lot 17 (seventeen) is subject to a twenty (20) foot storm drain as shown on said plan.

Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor herein by deed of Horseshoe Realty Inc., which deed is to be recorded herewith in Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Including as part of the realty all portable or sectional buildings at any time placed upon said premises and all elevators, pipes, oil burners, furnaces, heaters, hot water heaters, ranges, refrigerators, refrigerating apparatus, plumbing, gas and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, storm doors and windows, mantels, shades, awnings, and all other fixtures of whatever kind and nature at present or hereafter installed in or on the granted premises which renders such articles usable in connection therewith so far as the same are or can be by agreement of parties be made a part of the realty.

The above premises will be sold subject to all outstanding municipal taxes, tax titles, assessments or liens, if any.

One Thousand Dollars will be required to be paid in cash, bank check, or certified check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money; other terms to be announced at the sale.

WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK

By Thomas J. Howard Jr.
Its Treasurer

Westfield, MA
Scharoff and Smith, P. C., Attorneys
January 22, 1979

Published: 2-6/2-13/2-20-79

ORDER OF NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Superior Court Department Of The
Trial Court

HAMPDEN, SS.

To: HAROLD N. CARBONNEAU
a/k/a HAROLD CARBONNEAU
and PATRICIA A. CARBONNEAU,
a/k/a PATRICIA CARBONNEAU,
married to each other, residing at 137
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Banking Corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and having its principal place of business at 25 High Street, Holyoke, said Hampden County, and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering certain real estate situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, therein bounded and described as follows:

"A certain parcel of land with the

buildings thereon situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being designated as Lots 3 (three) and 4 (four) both as shown on the plan entitled "Agawam, Mass., Plan of Lots for Tobacco Farms Company" dated February 14, 1974 as recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 150, Page 9, said lots being bounded and described in one parcel as follows:

WESTERLY, by South West Street, as shown on said plan, by an irregular line, Two Hundred Forty Two and 00/100 (242.00) feet;

NORTHERLY, by Lot 2 (two) as shown on said plan, Two Hundred Forty Six and 66/100 (246.66) feet;

EASTERLY, by land of owners unknown by an irregular line, Three Hundred Thirteen and 61/100 (313.61) feet; and

SOUTHERLY, by land now or formerly of Gerald Satkowsky, by an irregular line, Three Hundred Fifty Six and 92/100 (356.92) feet.

Being the same premises conveyed to us by Chester J. Nicora, Jr. by deed to be recorded in said Registry of Deeds herewith. Including as part of the realty all portable or sectional buildings at any time placed upon said premises and all elevators, pipes, oil burners, furnaces, heaters, hot water heaters, ranges, refrigerators, refrigerating apparatus, plumbing, gas and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, storm doors and windows, mantels, shades awnings and all other fixtures of whatever kind and nature at present or hereafter installed in or on the granted premises which renders such articles usable in connection therewith so far as the same are or can be by agreement of parties be made a part of the realty.

given by HAROLD N. CARBONNEAU and PATRICIA A. CARBONNEAU, married to each other, to the Plaintiff, dated September 14, 1977, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 4483, Page 141, has filed with said court in Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and by exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure, you or your attorney could file a written appearance and answer in said court at Springfield on or before March 20, 1979 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, JAMES P. LYNCH, JR.,

ESQUIRE, Chief Justice of our Superior Court this 12th day of February, 1979.

Edward G. Shea
Clerk

Why Fix Baby Teeth?

by Holly Bresnahan, RDH
Agawam Town Hygienist

Taking care of deciduous or "baby teeth" is very important for the physical and psychological good of an individual. Badly decayed deciduous teeth can become infected and damage the second teeth underneath, causing them to erupt with spotty or defective enamel. Also, advanced decay can make it difficult for a child to chew some foods that are necessary for good health. Sometimes through ignorance or for financial reasons, parents ignore the baby teeth unless there is a painful problem. This does a tremendous disservice to the child for many reasons. First and foremost, a child who has a toothache on his first visit to the dentist is likely to grow into the adult who neglects his dental health. A traumatic first experience can color a person's outlook for life.

Also, not having deciduous decay fixed until the tooth must be prematurely removed may result in pain and unnecessary damage, and can lead to more severe problems later on, such as malocclusion and development of poor speech patterns. Removing a deciduous tooth can cause other deciduous teeth and the permanent ones underneath to shift, throwing the bite off.

The teeth very often ignored are the deciduous

molars. There are two molars on both ends of the row of teeth in each jaw (the first permanent molars erupt behind these). These teeth have grooves in them that often decay. A child has these teeth until the age of 10 or 11, and if no permanent tooth forms underneath one of them (which does sometimes happen), he will have that one for life. Premature loss of any of these teeth can be dangerous for the reasons already mentioned. Having regular dental check-ups not only allows the dental personnel to find decay starting in these teeth, but also allows us to check brushing habits. Because these teeth are in the back of the mouth, many children miss them when they brush.

If a tooth must be removed at, for example, 6 years of age that should not be lost until 10 years, a space maintainer can be made to keep the teeth from shifting. This is a small appliance attached to the teeth on either side with a bar holding the space open. The dentist can show you on an x-ray if the second tooth is erupted far enough to obviate the need for a space maintainer. The cost of this, or the cost of orthodontia later on to correct the bite if this is not done, far exceeds the cost of the check-up and filling that would have eliminated the problem. Regular dental care not only assures a person of good oral health, but can be psychologically and financially easier to handle also.



The water as it rushed down Line Street and collected at bottom of hill before running off into adjacent stream. photo by Jack Devine



Water is up to knees of fireman in front of house on Line Street this past Sunday. photo by Jack Devine



Line waits for food at the recent UNICO Mararoni Supper. photo by Jack Devine

Southwick to Hold Immunization Clinics

Letters have been sent to parents of students in need of immunizations. These are to be signed and returned to school immediately if parents wish to have inoculations given to their children at the school clinic in Southwick. If parents prefer to use their own physician, his signature and the date the shot was given must be written on the letter, which then must be returned to the school.

(Clinics will start in March,

the first one tentatively scheduled for Southwick High School on March 7. With the incidence of measles and polio appearing in different sections of our country, it is important that the immunizations be kept up.

Any questions can be answered by your family doctor or the school nurse involved with planning of the clinic. Please do not hesitate to call.



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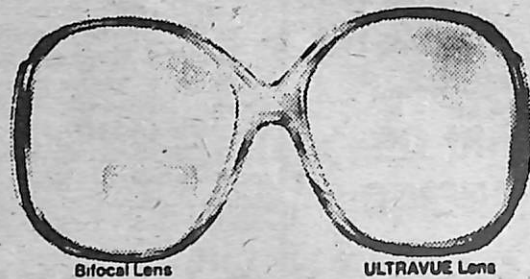
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Sports



Brownie forward Scott Masson (40) goes high over a maze of South Hadley players in fourth quarter action Friday night. Masson helped the locals defeat South Hadley 70-59. photo by Jack Devine

Brownies Tame Tigers

A strong second half surge sparked by some unlikely hero's propelled the Agawam Brownies to a 70-59 taming of South Hadley's Tigers in a real Valley Wheel crowd pleaser, Friday night at the Agawam High School.

Five different Brownies reached the double figure standings, but it was seniors Scott Massoia (15) and Pete Sardella (10) who came firing out of the shadows to wear a hero's halo for the first time this season.

Massoia notched 13 of his team high total in the final period including a sizzling 7-7 from the charity line. Sardella hit on 8 second half points, six

of which came in a racy third quarter when the Brownies overcame a 31-27 halftime deficit.

"No question about it, the bench was what really won it for us tonight," beamed Lou Conte, the Brownies rookie helmsman. "Scott played his finest game of the season by far and Pete came off the bench and helped turn it around for us."

A hot and heavy first half saw both quintets play with a gritty intensity, despite the fact each are well out of post season consideration. Floor tackling when loose balls bobbed about and some tough inside activity became an axion right after the opening tip.

"It certainly was our best game as far as intensity was concerned," Conte maintained. "Even when we were behind at halftime, I told the kids that there was no way we could lose tonight. We deserved the win and had to get out and get it."

The Brownie fervor certainly can be tabbed a spectacle if it's used as a yardstick to measure some recent lackadaisical performances. An easy 20 point victory by Putnam over the locals Tuesday, Feb. 13, and action with East Longmeadow and Ludlow the

previous week gave Brownie Loyalists a laborious task...having to sit through the agony.

Perhaps the most strategic factor attributing to the Tigers eventual downfall was a persistent Agawam press which acted as a disruptor on the taller South Hadley crew. The Brownies were able to control the tempo at an accelerated pace, a novelty for Conte's charges.

"We knew they had a good inside game so by pressing the entire game, we could take advantage of our quicker feed," Conte pointed out. They really don't have an exceptional ballhandler, and by pressing, we forced their offense into taking bad shots."

Tiger forwards John Paquette and high scoring John Pettengill had things pretty much their own way in first period activity. The duo hammered the offensive iron while Abe Yacteen and Rick LeClerc, the Agawam rebound enforcers found themselves on the end of accusing fingers from the officials. LeClerc would eventually succumb to foul woes and Yacteen also collected a few splinters in forced bench duty.

South Hadley's 23-15 first period lead turned a bit sour

Agawam Wrestlers Down Putnam In Season Finale

Agawam High School wrestling team finished the regular season by downing Putnam 45-15 at Putnam Vocational High School on Saturday, February 10th.

The Brownies jumped out to a 26-0 lead with back-to-back first period pins by Steve Squeglia (100) and Bob Schwein (107), a win by forfeit for Steve Fields (114), an impressive 6-4 decision by Frank Bonavita (121), plus one team point awarded Agawam when Putnam threw headgear.

Paul Zerbinopoulos (128) pulled out a 2-0 decision over his opponent plus another team point when Putnam again threw headgear. Jerry Mason (140) continued with another first period pin. Dan Guthrie (147) added four more points with an 11-2 superior decision. Joe Pezzimenti (157) gained an 8-2 regular decision, while John Morassi (169) completed the scoring for Agawam with a win by forfeit.

Two wrestlers, Frank Bonavita and Jerry Mason,

went undefeated for the season. Bonavita's record was 15-0; Mason's was 12-0.

Three had only one defeat - Steve Fields, 13-1; Bob Schwein, 12-1; and Gary Geiger, 11-1.

Dan Guthrie and Ross Fogg finished the season with only two defeats. Guthrie was 13-2, while Fogg's record was 10-2-1.

As a team, Agawam scored a total of 700 points, and had only 197 points scored against them by all fifteen opponents.



Agawam's Pete Sardella lands one in during a Brownie scoring spree Friday night. Moving in on Sardella is South Hadley's John Paquette (32). photo by Jack Devine

in the second eight minutes. The bothersome home press forced a number of bad shots and errant passes. LeClerc's two-pointer inside, a Tom Napolitan hoop off a steal and Tommy Knight's swisher from another stolen pass led an eight point chain late in the period to bring Agawam to within 29-27. Paquette then netted his sixth field goal of the half 15 seconds before the intermission buzzer, providing the visitors a four point cushion.

Senior Tommy Knight, as streak shooter who usually rises to prominence in the second half, answered a Pettengill jumper on two consecutive buckets of his own, both in the 15 foot vicinity. Yacteen's inside banker on the tail end of a fast break forged Agawam to their first lead since the early going, at 34-33.

LeClerc became saddled with felony number 4, seconds later. Pete Sardella was called into active duty by Conte as LeClerc's replacement. The senior responded in spectacular fashion.

The senior responded in spectacular fashion. Sardella

imitated a Bobby Orr move as he dashed the length of the floor to blow past 3 Tiger defenders for a layup after grabbing a defensive bound.

Napolitan pilfered a pass at halfcourt on the Tigers next possession. Napolitan broke for the hoop and at the last possible moment, he hit Sardella with a picturesque behind-the-back bullet. Sardella neatly layed it in as the crowd loudly voiced their obvious pleasure.

Trailing 38-33, the Tigers scrapped back. Baskets by Kevin Leveault and John Stebbins finalized a hot and heavy period with Agawam out front, 42-40.

Yacteen took a defensive bound all the way to paydirt, increasing Agawam's advantage to 44-40 30 seconds into period four. Two field goals by Knight, two foul shots by Massoia, a dominant force soon after, lengthened the gap to 50-42.

A corner basket by Sardella put Agawam into a commanding 56-46. There were some who thought the Tigers were caged with 3 minutes left. Not so. Guard John Stebbins found the

range via 3 straight short pops to bring the visitors within four, 56-52.

Massoia fully arrived on the scene from this scene from this point on. Five perfect foul tosses and a pair of buckets in the last two and a half minutes extinguished any hopes the Tigers may have had of stealing one from the Brownies.

Paquette and Pettengill spearheaded the Tiger attack with 18 and 15 points respectively. Both players however, experienced difficult second halves following early success. Pettengill, who is usually good for 20 per game, shot quite poorly in periods three and four while Paquette was nullified on the iron.

The Agawam scoring parade reads Massoia 15, Knight 14, Yacteen 13, Napolitan 13 and Sardella 10. It was by far the best overall balance for Agawam all season. Yacteen tore down 15 rebounds which figured significantly in the Brownies command position during the final half. Agawam held a 36-30 edge on the backboards.



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St. John's Outlasts Agawam Construction



Agawam Athletic Association's 8-10 girls 'Slamon Corp.' is pictured above. Front row, left to right: Michelle Favreaux, Michelle Blanchard, Katie Slamon, and Joelle Dion. Second row, same order: Nancy Nickerson and Shawn Lappie. Standing in rear, Assistant coaches George Blanchard and Rick Howe, and head coach Bob Slamon. Absent are Kim Churchill, Anne Marmo, and Maria Lucia.

8-10 C's Still on Top

The 8-10 C Agawam Hockey Association team, coached by Jim Ruby, has raised its record to 11-5-4 over the past weekend. Losing on Saturday to a much improved Van Horn club, the team remained in first place. The goaltending of Jeff Guevin helped to keep the game close. A lack of offensive power was the team's downfall.

On Sunday, the team made up for the previous day by beating Sixteen Acres 3-1. By moving a few players to new positions, Coach Ruby was able to get offensive power from defenseman Rickie Mesick. Playing wing, Mesick scored two goals with assists from hard working Dave LeMay. Joining Mesick and Lemay on that strong line was Dave Boutwell who also scored on a fine pass from Lemay. The line of Jeff Smith, Scott Bracci and Mark Gianfelice held the Sixteen Acres team in check, back checking and generally playing sound hockey. The third line of Brian Boutwell,

Tom Mesick and Bob Mathews were actively keeping their opponents bottled up at the blue line.

The defensive play of Dan Ruby was exciting to watch. Dan, normally a winger, broke up numerous breakaways by stick checking. He played an outstanding game on defense and helped goaltender Jeff Guevin chalk up another win.

Defensive mate Bob Mesick and the other defensive line of Chris Jutras and Dennis Punch kept the front of the net clear.

All in all the team played a very sound game of hockey. This coming week the team will be involved in the AHAUS Hockey Tournament at the Chicopee Rink. Good Luck guys!

Championships are won and lost when the chips are down. If Saturday's confrontation between St. John's and Agawam Construction is any indication of things to come, then 10-12 followers can surely look forward to a post season tournament with these squads squaring off once again.

With crisis situations around each corner, St. John's outlasted Agawam construction 47-43 in perhaps the finest 10-12 matchup that the Agawam Athletic Association has offered in a long time.

Each squad faced adversity at one time or another throughout the hotly contested bout. It was billed as a battle of the big guys and no one left feeling cheated of this. St. John's Jeff Losito and Construction's Dave Perillo, the circuit's tall timber locked horns in outstanding fashion. Credit Losito with winning a decision on the strength of second half domination. Perillo let every one know he was around in the opening half.

"Their big man beat us in the first half, no doubt about it," explained winning coach Jim Mahoney of St. John's. "But the second half spoke for itself. Jeff (Losito) controled the boards and he got us into a running game that we badly needed."

Mahoney's game summary is indeed quite true. The match, which both clubs entered with perfect 6-0 records, certainly wore a

different face in each half.

The first quarter explosion by Construction left most people stunned. No one could have expected a 14-2 gap between the two quintets following 10 minutes of play. Construction, behind Perillo's 4 field goals and singletons by Todd Lockwood, Dave Shaunnassy and John Alves had some wondering whether the pregame build-up was a paradox.

Alves connected on a long range jumper to get things rolling for Construction in period two. It was the 16th consecutive unanswered point for Dean Vecchiarelli's group.

St. John forward Mike Beaudette canned a foul shot shortly after to somewhat un-link the Construction scoring column as he dumped in an offensive bound to make things 16-5.

The remainder of the quarter see-sawed back and forth. The important item to note is a slow progression by St. John's back into the ballgame. Losito underneath, and jumper by Beaudette brought St. John's a bit closer at 18-11. Lockwood hit a bomb but little St. John guard Mike Sardella used his speed to beat the defense for a fast break layup, then he pulled up for a perfect 15 foot release on another length of the court attack. Construction now led by 20-15. The half completed at 24-17, Construction. It was a far cry from the first quarter shellacking.

"I felt the kids just didt have it today after that first

period," Mahoney admitted. "I had hoped we would make it respectable but when we cut it to seven at the half, I told the kids to start running and stop standing around, we still could win it."

The St. John road race began right off the bat in the third stanza. Sardella, a mighty mite backcourt artist who directs the blue and read spearhead, streaked for a bucket to bring his mates to within 24-19.

Mike Beaudette and Losito stole the show from there. Beaudette, perhaps the best overall performer on the court thefied 4 errant Construction tosses and helped turn a deficit into a 33-30 advantage by the quarter's horn. Backboard control and the fastbreak, the two most apparent St. John trademarks, were back in full operation.

Perillo got inside for the first time in ages a minute into the final session. His banker made it 33-32 St. John's. But St. John's rode another flurry. They raced off for 11 straight points as Losito ripped the cords four times and Beaudette once. With 5 minutes remaining, Construction's once huge lead saw them in a seemingly vanquished situation.

But Construction refused to roll over and fold. Lockwood, a flashy guard and Todd Dudah, a very fine forward who had remained

fairly silent since the game's commencement, rallied Construction back mainly on steals of bad St. John passes.

The 11-1 blitz cut the St. John's margin of safety to 46-43 with just 20 seconds left. Forward Mike Mahoney finally found the range from the charity line as ten ticks showed on the clock, putting the gap to 47-43. Mahoney had done some strong workmanship off the glass in the second half but had missed six foul shots consecutively down the stretch.

"I really expected them to come back like that," Mahoney said in post game comments. "We tried to run down the clock on them but some bad passes got the kids a little excited. The game turned out to be exactly what we all expected, a real good one."

Losito led all scorers with 22 points. Perello clipped 12 in the losing effort. Beaudette and Sardella contributed 13 and 8 for the St. John cause while Lockwood's 9, Alves' 6, and Dudah's 6 spread out Construction point gobbling.

In the rebound department, Losito grabbed 19 and Mahoney 9 to head the victors. Perillo swipped 12 off the iron. No other Construction player figured significantly in backboard action which turned out to be a key ingredient to their definite fall in the second half.

Home Show To Feature Model Home

A complete 3-bedroom home with a formal living room will be among the major features of the 26th annual Western Massachusetts Home Show, March 14-19, in the Better Living Center,

West Springfield.

Show Chairman Joseph R. Kakley announced today that New England Homes, Inc., of Portsmouth, N.H. will erect the 46 X 24-foot ranch in the Better Living Center, Mr. Kakley said. "The model home will definitely e in keeping with the general theme of the Home Show. 'It's Home Beautiful Time Again.'"

Known as "The Kennebec," the model home features expansive living room, efficient food preparation center with furniture-quality cabinets, master bedroom with a private half-bath, sliding glass doors which lead to an outdoor living area, one and a half bath with built-in vanities, convenient closets, and either a formal dining room or dining area.

New England Homes, Inc. founded in 1961, is a specialist in the manufacture of custom homes. According to Daniel J. Donahue, president, the firm also offers total flexibility in design.

The Home Show is sponsored by the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield. The hours are 5 to 10 p.m. on March 14, 15, and 19 and from 1 to 10 p.m. on March 16, 17, and 18.



Gino's Package Store, 10-12 girls basketball team are pictured above. Fornt row, left to right: Leah Negrucci, Jennifer Moccio, and Carie Scheve. Second row: Eva Burmeister and Jackie Moccio. Third row, Dianne Magnani, Frances Depka and Ruth Perry.

Southwick Hockey News

The Southwick 6-8 New England By-Products team played a victorious game over 16 Acres. The score was 10-0 with Mark Frappier getting 4 goals and one assist, John Rock getting 2 goals and 3 assists, and Mark Hosmer getting one goal and 3 assists. Mike Granaudo, Jeff Johnson, and David Humiston also scored. Dale Krotichvil got his first shut out.

The Southwick 8-10 Police beat East Springfield 3-1 and lost a rough game to Holyoke 4-2. Goals were scored by Patrick McInnell (3) and one each by Andre Chabot and Danny Champiny.

Assists were given to Chuck Wilson, Russell Sabadosa, and Robbie Haramut.

In the Holyoke game, our two goals came within the last minute, enabling Holyoke to lose a shutout bid.

The Southwick 10-12 Firemen lost to Holyoke 6-3 in a good effort. Todd Stuart got the hat trick, and Goalie Bobby Davidson received a zero patch for a shutout in a previous game.

Southwick's 12-14 Chuck's Steak House team lost to Ludlow 6-3. Goals were scored by Gary Delcamp, Gene Davidson, and Doug Sullivan.

Southwick's 14-16 VFW team beat Ludlow 4-1 and tied Hampden 3-3. Scott Wolfe has been playing very good hockey.

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Registration for American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor courses will open February 20. Pioneer Valley Chapter American Red Cross has announced.

Applicants must have a current Advanced Life Saving Certificate and must be at least 17 years old. The chapter's Health and Safety Education office said. They must apply in person at the chapter office at 275 Maple Street, Springfield, for pool assignments.

The 10-week classes will start at varying dates beginning at the end of February and beginning of March.

There will be no charge for instruction; however, approved applicants will be required to buy a \$10 instruction packet of two books, six pamphlets and related materials, the chapter said. Also, some facilities may charge a pool fee.

Further information may be obtained at the Pioneer Valley Chapter offices of Health and Safety or by calling 737-4306.

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be handled by the staff of the Agawam Advertiser/News. The deadline for the Winter sports category is March 15, 1979.

Individuals eligible for the award are Agawam High School Senior Athletes (graduating in 1979) who participate in sports which the Agawam Athletic Association sponsors teams.

Blackhawks Beat East Longmeadow 6-1

The 10-12 A Blackhawks, coached by Ed Drewnowski, skated all over East Longmeadow Saturday, February 10 and won by a score of 6-1.

The only goal of the first period was scored by John O'Malley assisted by Erik Blanchard and Joe Dussault.

In the second period, Dean Liptak scored on a perfect pass from Paul Ferraro and Dennis Drewnowski.

In the third period, Kevin Mercadante went on the warpath and scored three goals for his hat trick, and John O'Malley scored his

second goal of the game. They were ably assisted by John Spellacy, Mike Santori, Bill Beauregard, Peter Sibilia, Erik Blanchard, Paul Ferraro, and Jay Passerini.

East Longmeadow's only goal went in accidentally off the skate of an Agawam player and spoiled goalie Dave Liptak's otherwise perfect game.

The team will participate in a holiday tournament at the Olympia during school vacation. The eventual winners will travel to the Boston area to meet the victors from that part of the state.

Wrestling Banquet Set

The Agawam High School Wrestling Booster Club will hold its annual banquet honoring the wrestling team and its coaches on Sunday, March 11.

Jack O'Neill, sportscaster for Channel 40, will serve as master of ceremonies for the event, which will take place at the Polish-American Club,

Southwick Street, beginning at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 each and reservations may be made with Booster Club President Sal Morassi (786-0177) or with any Booster Club member.

Reservations must be made before Saturday, March 3.

Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba



President Carter has proposed a new Department of Natural Resources in the federal government in his reorganization plan. The new cabinet-level department would take over most functions of the Interior Department, plus parts of the Agricultural and Commerce Departments and the Army Corps of Engineers. It would save taxpayers \$150 million a year, straighten out some regulatory problems, and make the government more accountable to the people.

The National Wildlife Federation, through its executive vice-president, sent a letter to all 535 voting members of Congress in support of the creation of the new DNR. The NWF has 4.1 million members and supporters and should make some impression on Congress.

Kimball admits that not all environmentalists endorse the DNR plan proposed by the President's reorganization project, but adds that groups representing a vast majority of all Americans who are affiliated with conservation organizations do support the DNR concept.

It is estimated that the proposed reorganization would eliminate 3,700 jobs "while maintaining the same or higher level of services."

Under the plan, the DNR would take over all of Interior duties, but a few such as the construction responsibilities of the Bureau of Reclamation which would go to the Army Corps of Engineers. It would also assume all preconstruction and budgeting functions of the Corps of Engineers' civil works program, the nation's largest producer of dams.

The entire National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration would be transferred from Commerce

to DNR, and Agriculture would lose its Forest Service. The small, watershed program of its Soil Conservation Service would go to the new department. The Water Resources Council would also be telescoped into the DNR.

DOG ORDER

The dog restraining order issued by Director Matthew B. Connolly Jr. of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, last winter is still in force, and dog owners are warned not to let their pets range free during the months ahead.

Under the restraining order, dogs seen chasing or harassing deer may be shot by law enforcement officials with no prior notice to the owner. The order is issued during the winter months to protect deer from dogs that might run or stress them under conditions that lead to exhaustion and death. Such chase behavior is instinctive in dogs whether operating alone or in packs, and no dog, regardless of its age or degree of domestication, is immune to the lure of the chase.

Free ranging dogs pose a real hazard to wildlife. Allowing them to run unattended is a violation of state regulations.

An up-to-date bird list for Massachusetts has been prepared by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. If you are interested in obtaining the list, send a return addressed label and 45c in postage stamps to I & E Section, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Field Headquarters, Westboro, MA 01581.



The Agawam A.A. 10-12 Girls 'E-con-o-Sales' are pictured above. Front row, left to right: Tina Sawyer, Beverly Johnson, Roxann Polak, and Jennifer O'Brien. Second row, same order: Andrea Stefanik, Donna Fydenkevez, and Lisa Chevalier. Third row, Doug Chevalier, Jill Philips, and Bill O'Brien.

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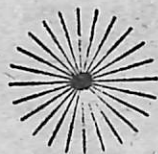
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Skaters Falter Down the Stretch

Darkness has fallen upon the house of Agawam hockey...the illumination of a brilliant January winning skein now sits in a quagmire of gloom. And unless something drastic occurs in the final week of play, many of the same Brownie icemen who terrorized the Division II Tournament a year ago, will be playing a spectators role when the first division's post season operation gets underway.

The skates were high as the locals laced their skates for competition with a pair of crack opponents a week ago. With four contests remaining on their schedule, Agawam needed another victory string to boost their sixth place listing into a position that no tournament committee could overlook.

Berry Division guidelines for a tournament berth calls for a 70% accumulation of all possible points which can be gathered during the regular season. By placing themselves in the winner's circle in those final 4 games, Agawam could have checked in with 25 points, barely enough to receive post season consideration. No one knew this better than the Brownies very fine second year mentor, Bill Sapelli.

"We just have to win those last four games. There is just no way around it," commented Sapelli just prior to his squad's home stretch drive. Little did Sapelli suspect that impending disaster awaited his scrappy group at the Eastern States Coliseum.

Fay Division frontrunner Minnechaug, a conquerer of Cathedral's Panthers two weeks earlier, squeezed out a tough 2-1 decision of the comeback variety. The losers certainly deserved a better fate on this cold February night. Yet in the end, the Falcons had clinched nothing less than a tie for Fay Division honors, while the Brownies watched their playoff hopes flicker at best. Ironically, just a year ago it was Agawam who buried the rest of the Fay Division in a late season blizzard that brought high school hockey back from the dead in this town.

When senior Bobby LaViolette blistered a rising shot past Falcon goalie Steve Bardwell 13 seconds after the opening faceoff, many Brownie fans were just taking their paces in the gallery. The scoreboard flashed 1-0 for the home town favorites and it sure gave early indications that Sapelli's crew had full intentions of another late season run.

For two full periods Brownie attackers bore in on Minnechaug's cage without any further success. Falcon skaters countered with an occasional tester on Kevin Murphy, who continued to don Brownie equipment in the nets.

But the third session once again hampered Agawam's chances for victory. Recent losses to Classical and Chicopee Comp also transpired in those last fifteen minutes. Two nights later against the Chicopee Pacers, a carbon copy followed. One

has to wonder if the rash of injuries crumpling Sapelli's ranks throughout the season was not partly responsible for third period foldups. Hindsight at best although it cannot be discounted.

Agawam's scant lead turned to a 1-1 tie as Tim Wilson cleanly beat Murphy after accepting a crisp pass from Chris Lloyd who guarded the point. The redlighter came on a power play...note a chian of untimely trips to the penalty area as another culprit responsible for Agawam's doldrum skate.

The Wilson connection spelled the end of a frustrating evening for the Brownies later in the period. Murphy, who thwarted 29 Falcon shots could do little to save his mates from defeat. Wilson set up Winslow Reed neatly on Murphy's doorstep. The Falcon shooter could have driven a freight train through the unprotected net. Winslow's aim was sure and true.

Bardwell stood second to none in post game chatter. High scoring Jim Dowe and Gary Malanson along with a host of other Brownie marksmen experienced their lowest goal output in weeks.

Bardwell turned aside 35 shots, many of which left Brownie forwards shaking their heads.

Two nights later, (Feb. 15) Agawam's offensive machine redeemed themselves. Six different orange and brown clad shooters carved a notch in their six guns. Only trouble was, the Chicopee Pacers lit the lamp 8 times. Murphy's defense, an assertive force against Minnechaug, collapsed on Chicopee's first salvo at the six second mark of period one.

As the smoke cleared following a wild and willy third stanza, the Pacers emerged with a key Berry Division win. In their last two encounters against top league rivals, the Brownies have allowed sixteen tallies...chalk this up as perhaps the most telling factor when analyzing Agawam's failure to attain post season status. The pressure cooker third period turned a 4-4 deadlock after the second intermission into a real old-fashioned death struggle. Bob O'Neil tipped his cap with 1:50 left in the fireworks. That broke a 6-6 tie. It also broke the Brownies' back.

A remote opportunity remains which might grant the locals a tournament nod.

If Agawam can beat Easthampton and Holyoke this week, the Division One electorate may invite Sapelli's club on the strength of a 59% winning percentage, and because of the close scramble during the regular schedule between six of the seven

league entry's, a widening of the tournament field could be warranted.

This of course is a long shot, yet it should be mentioned. All Bill Sapelli and the Brownies can do is hope for a double victory to

finalize the season, then look to the heavens for help.

If tournament officials still decide to follow the letter of the law, its wait till next year...Agawam's fate in 78-79 rests in the recognition of the law's spirit.



Agawam's 6-8 'Mini Stars' are pictured in recent game against South Hadley. The young team, composed of many first-time skaters is steadily improving. photo by Jack Devine

Arrest Law Reaffirmed

Law enforcement officers' right to make arrests for motor vehicle violations has been reaffirmed by the Attorney General, Registrar Richard E. McLaughlin said recently.

Registrar McLaughlin issued a bulletin to all police chiefs, clerks of courts, and all 34 Registry branch office managers informing them of the right of Registry officers to arrest is in no way affected by the Court Reform statute passed by the General Court in 1978.

Registrar McLaughlin

sought the Attorney General's opinion in December after District Court Chief Justice Samuel Zoll had said thenewly-enacted court reform legislation struck down police officer's right to arrest in minor motor vehicle violations.

The Registrar said registry law enforcement officers will continue to make arrests for serious motor vehicle violations and thanked the Attorney General for his promptness in rendering an opinion.

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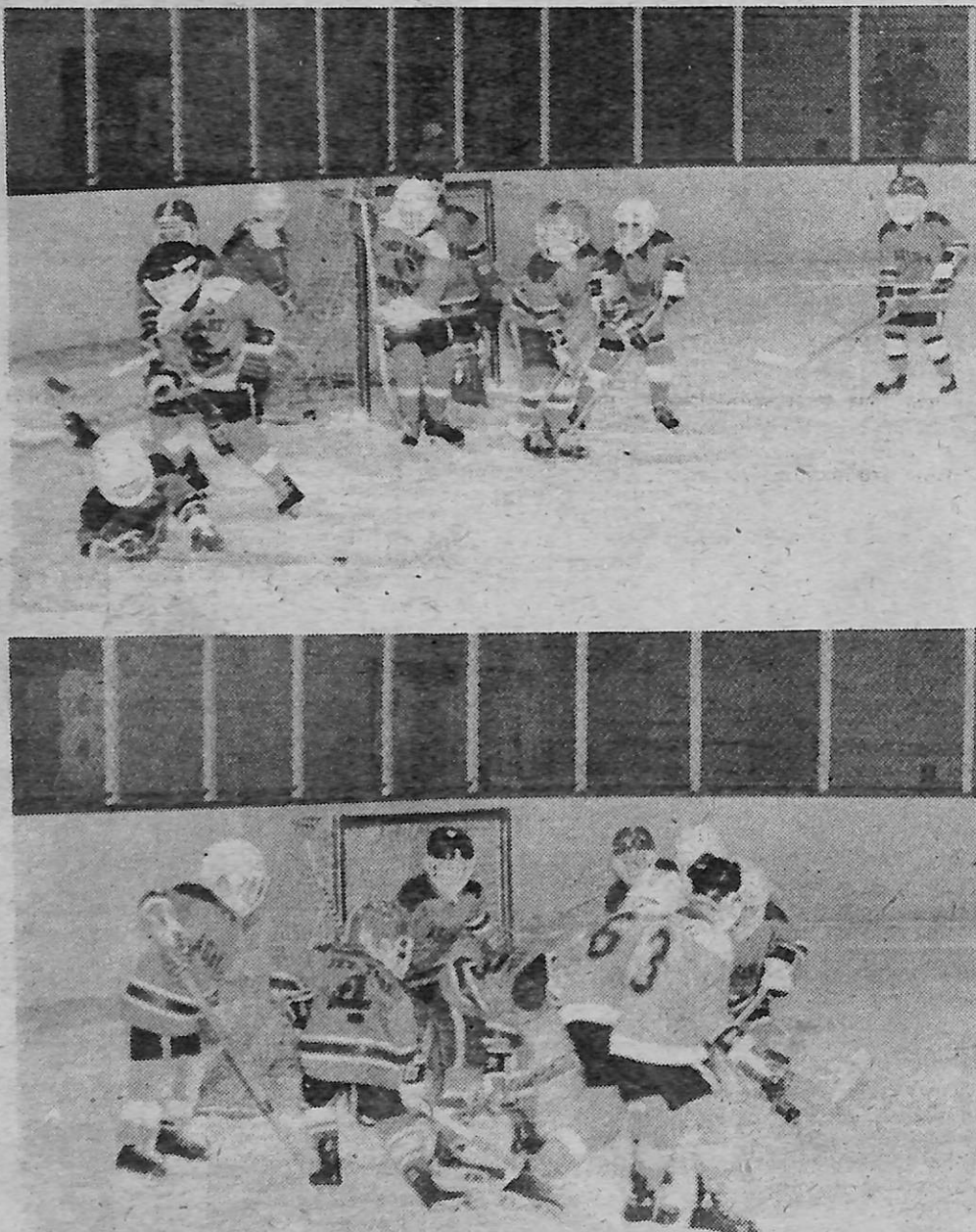
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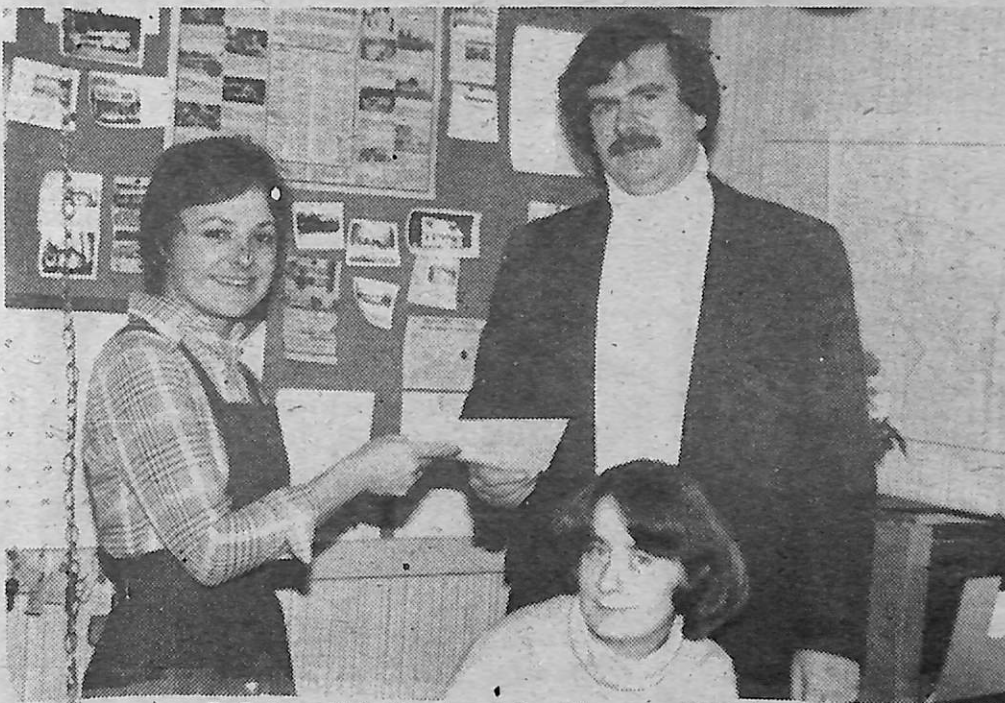
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Robinson Real Estate



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Located at 641 Springfield Street, Robinson Real Estate is owned by Edward D. Robinson of Southwick, but is managed by Agawam resident Ann DePalma.

Ann has had extensive experience in the real estate field and has been manager of the Agawam office of Robinson Real Estate for the past four years.

Robinson Real Estate specializes in single- or multiple-family residential housing, mainly in Agawam, but frequently in the neighboring communities as well. They occasionally handle commercial property also.

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Westbank Records Growth

voted a regular quarterly dividend of 23¢ per share to stockholders of record as of December 31, 1978.

A continued growth in all areas was maintained during the year ending December 31, 1978, by Park West Bank and Trust Company, according to William A. Franks, Jr., president.

The bank posted an increase of \$3,782,709 in assets, bringing the total assets to \$55,623,650.

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paint and brushes, plumbing and electrical needs, and tools. A particular specialty of Feeding Hills Hardware is the repair or replacement of most any kind of residential glass and screening.

The store hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Monday

through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Owner Fred Serra, who is also a member of the Town Council, receives much assistance in his business from his wife and their 15-year-old son, Tony. They live on Valentine Street in Agawam.

Valley Bank Promotes Feeding Hills Man

The Board of Directors of Valley Bank has promoted Richard A. Bellico to assistant treasurer. The announcement was made by Gordon N. Oakes, president.

Bellico joined Valley Bank in 1971 and served as assistant manager in various branches. He is currently Branch Manager of the Agawam office, where he is responsible for the operation of the branch and business development.

Bellico serves on the board of directors of the Greater Springfield Epilepsy Association.

He and his wife, Ann Marie, live in Feeding Hills with their son Matthew.



Mr. Richard Bellico

Francesco's



Owned and operated by the father-son team of Frank "Doggie" D'Agostino and his son Robert, Francesco's restaurant at 944 Springfield Street specializes in all types of Italian food. All the food is cooked to order with Frank boning and portioning his own meat and always using fresh vegetables.

Since opening the business last fall, Frank has not only done the cooking, but also acts as a very congenial host, stopping by customers' tables to see if all is well.

Although Francesco's does a fine job on all types of Italian food, they feature as a popular side dish ziti with broccoli sauce. They also take

pride in their veal francaise. Since patrons are usually so filled after finishing one of his meals, Frank offers only spumoni for dessert.

Daily luncheon specials are offered between 11:30 and 2:00 every day, and dinners are served from 4:30 to 10 p.m. Francesco's is also available for parties of up to 100 people on the premises.

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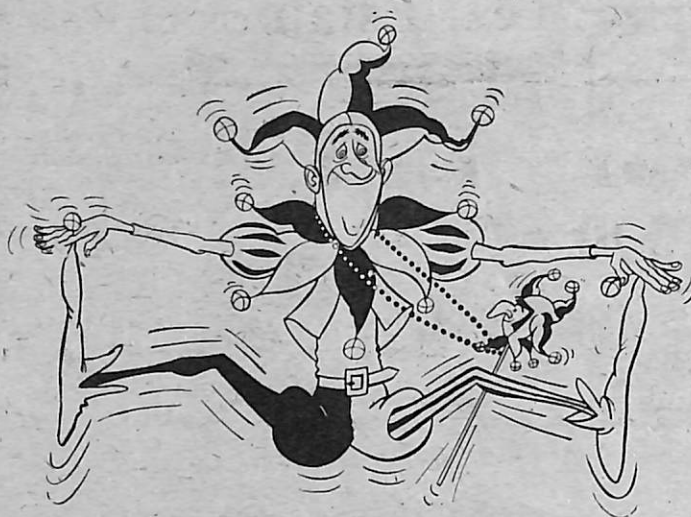
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In addition to Cooperative Extension staff, resource people participating will include a banker, realtor, lawyer and insurance representative.

The series, which is free of charge and open to the public regardless of race, color, or national origin will be held on Tuesday evenings, March 13, 20, 27 and April 3. To register contact Diana Muller at the Hampden County Cooperative Extension Office, West Springfield. Deadline is March 9.

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Record Real Estate Sales

Members of the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors ended 1978 with a record of \$116,583,432 in real estate sales, reports the Multiple Listing Service of the 700-member realtors organization.

The record sales level peaked 1977 sales of \$97,086, 331 by 20%, and the 1976 sales of \$81,391,681 by 43%. Single-family homes accounted for \$106,913,376 of the 1978 market activity. The remaining volume consisted of \$7,466,000 in multi-family sales, \$1,366,356 in land parcels, and \$837,700 in miscellaneous sales.

Chester J. Nicora, chairman of the Multiple Listing Service, cited an increased demand for real estate ownership among young, single buyers as a primary factor of the sales increase. "People realize with mortgage rates edging upward that now is the time to start thinking seriously about purchasing a home, rather than being pushed out of the market by higher rates in the future," Nicora said.

The average price of an MLS-sold, single-family home last year was \$38,156, up 5 1/2 % from \$36,117 in 1977.

The average price in Agawam was \$38,352; East Longmeadow, \$40,733; Hampden, \$44,354; Longmeadow, \$58,913; Ludlow, \$37,037; Springfield, \$28,093; West Springfield, \$38,587; and Wilbraham, \$54,008.

National figures predict average home prices will rise from 10 to 15% this year, according to Nicora. "Even if mortgage rates were to come down, there would be no visible decrease in costs to potential homeowners," he said.

The "Buy Now Syndrome," a term coined by the National Association of Realtors, could be responsible for a sizeable turnover of local properties in the used-home market, anticipating sales in excess of \$130 million this year, according to Nicora.

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Dinner With Kennedy To Be Auctioned Off

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy this week kicked off Channel 57's Great Spring Auction solicitation efforts with donation of lunch - in Washington with the Senator himself.

Travel will be included in the package, according to Jane Stearns, auction chairman for the public television station.

Lunch with Kennedy will be one of about 3,000 items up for sale at this year's auction March 31 to April 7. If the auction "go-getting" team is as successful as it expects to be, retail value of the merchandise will be about \$300,000, to be gathered and sold to meet the \$200,000 goal of the televised auction, says Mrs. Stearns.

"That means," she says, "that about \$4,000 worth of merchandise will be sold every hour for 50 hours. That's \$66 raised for public television each minute the auction is on the air."

The auction involves the efforts of more than 2000 community members as

volunteers. Many of those volunteers work as "go-getters" approaching local businesses for imaginative contributions to the auction.

"Imaginative" apparently means anything from the horse manure donated in the name of a couple of horses in south hadley to the antique perambulator sold at last year's auction.

Springfield and Hampden County as a whole contribute significantly as a community to the Great Spring Auction, and the number of volunteers working in the county is tremendous, according to Mrs. Stearns.

Acting as solicitation captains for Agawam will be Debra and Ralph Ritchie of Feeding Hills.

Carol Bradley of Agawam will be a co-captain for West Springfield.

Dwight Brouillard of Feeding Hills, national advertising manager for the Springfield newspapers, will head up franchise solicitations.

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